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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016, ON PAGE 215]

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

7 MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2016 WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. THE

8 INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY PASTOR MARK DEMEL FROM

9 OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA. AND THE PLEDGE WILL BE

10 LED BY PHYLLIS MILLER, FORMER SECOND LIEUTENANT, UNITED STATES

11 NAVY FROM SANTA MONICA.

12

13 **PASTOR MARK DEMEL:** LET US PRAY. ALMIGHTY GOD, AS PASTOR OF OUR

14 SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA, I COME TO YOU IN THE NAME

15 AND IN BEHALF OF THE SAVIOR TO PRAY FOR THIS COUNTY AND FOR

16 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE LIVE IN CHALLENGING AND

17 UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, AND WE'RE SO VERY GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO

18 TAKE UP THE TORCH OF PUBLIC SERVICE. ENABLE THESE OUR LEADERS

19 TO GOVERN AND LEAD WITH BOTH THEIR MINDS AND THEIR HEARTS,

20 GRANTING TO THEM THE ABILITY TO NOT ONLY MAKE WISE DECISIONS

21 BUT TO ALSO HAVE GREAT CARE AND COMPASSION FOR THOSE AFFECTED

22 BY THOSE DECISIONS. AS WE THINK OF THE DIVERSITY OF OUR

23 COUNTY, FILL US WITH A DESIRE FOR UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD. GRANT

24 TO US A DEEP LOVE FOR YOU AND FOR ONE ANOTHER AND INSTILL IN

25 US THE SIMPLE TRUTH, THAT WE ARE INDEED OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER.

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1 BLESS, OH, LORD, THIS WORLD, OUR COUNTRY, OUR STATE AND OUR
2 COUNTY. FILL US WITH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR
3 GRACE AND BY THE PLANS AND DECISIONS MADE IN THE PRESENT. TO
4 THAT END, I ASK FOR YOUR DIVINE PRESENCE TO DESCEND UPON ALL,
5 ESPECIALLY FOR THESE, OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IN YOUR NAME I
6 PRAY, AMEN.

7

8 **IMANI M. SMITH:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF THE
9 ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. FOR THOSE THAT ARE CIVILIANS, PLEASE
10 PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. FOR THOSE THAT ARE
11 VETERANS OR ACTIVE DUTY, SALUTE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
12 RECITED.]

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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16 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WELL IT'S A REAL PLEASURE TO HAVE
17 TODAY PASTOR MARK DEMEL SPEAKING TO US, LEADING US IN PRAYER
18 AS PASTOR OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA, THE CHURCH
19 MY FAMILY AND I BELONG TO. HE RETURNED TO HIS ROOTS IN LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY RECENTLY. MORE SPECIFICALLY HE WAS BORN AND
21 RAISED IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. AFTER GRADUATING FROM CAL
22 POLY POMONA, HE ATTENDED SEMINARY IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA,
23 GRADUATING BACK IN 1982 AND SERVED CHURCHES IN NEBRASKA,
24 NEVADA AND RECENTLY IN FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA. HE AND HIS WIFE
25 KATHY WERE BOTH BORN IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE GREW UP IN

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1 THE WEST COVINA AREA AND HIS WIFE WAS FROM ARCADIA AREA. HE
2 ATTENDED COVINA HIGH SCHOOL AND THEY HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH
3 FOUR DAUGHTERS, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND THEY HAVE A GREAT
4 FUTURE BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE GRANDCHILDREN ON THE WAY. SO
5 THEY CAME BACK TO THE GOOD WATER. SO, ANYWAY, PASTOR, THANK
6 YOU VERY MUCH FOR LEADING US THIS MORNING AND WE WISH YOU
7 CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR CALLING AND SERVING OUR LORD.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IN ABSENCE OF SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO I
11 UNDERSTAND HAS SOME GUESTS IN HIS OFFICE, I'D LIKE TO GO AHEAD
12 AND PRESENT A CERTIFICATE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TO
13 EMANI SMITH AND I APOLOGIZE IF WE GOT YOUR NAME WRONG. I GOT
14 TO LOOK AT MY STAFF FOR THAT. YOU LIVE IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT.
15 AND WE KNOW THAT YOU RESIDE IN THE CITY OF NORWALK. WE KNOW
16 ALSO THAT YOU'RE A FARMER SERGEANT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY
17 AND YOU SERVED BETWEEN 1999 AND 2012. YOU ALSO SERVED OUR
18 COUNTRY BOTH IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
19 THAT. EMANI HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS
20 WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES FOR OUR GREAT COUNTRY. HE
21 RECEIVED THE BRONZE STAR RIBBON, ARMY OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON
22 AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE RIBBON. ON BEHALF OF THE
23 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN PROVIDING
24 YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION.
25 THANK YOU SO MUCH, EMANI. [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW I'D LIKE TO ASK THE EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICE TO CALL THE AGENDA.

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5 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME
6 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE
7 2, POLICY MATTER. THIS INCLUDES-- ON P-1, THIS INCLUDES THE
8 ADDITION OF P-1 AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND WE
9 WILL TAKE THIS ITEM UP WITH ITEM NO. 8. ON PAGE 3, REPORTS. ON
10 ITEMS R-1, R-2 AND R-3 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND COUNTY
11 COUNSEL REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
12 JANUARY 19, 2016. ON ITEM R-4, THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND
13 FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
14 FEBRUARY 2, 2016. ON PAGE 4, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS. AGENDA
15 FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS
16 1-D AND 2-D ARE BEFORE YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA
22 FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 1-H, A
23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 6,
24 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE
25 DISTRICT. ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT

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1 THIS ITEM ALSO BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS
2 1 THROUGH 11, ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS INCLUDES THE ADDITION AS
3 POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER
4 OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 4,
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
6 HIS OFFICE. ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER
7 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 6,
8 THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
9 AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AND
10 PROPOSED AMENDMENT AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND
11 ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISORS KUEHL, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF
12 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM ALSO BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 8,
13 AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, WE WILL TAKE THIS ITEM UP
14 WITH ITEM P-1. ON ITEM NO. 9, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
16 NO. 10, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
17 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 11, MEMBERS OF THE
18 PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
19 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
22 SECONDED. SUCH BE THE ORDER.

23
24 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 18, CONSENT
25 CALENDAR, ITEMS 12 THROUGH 31, ON ITEM NO. 13, A MEMBER OF THE

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1 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 14, THIS
2 INCLUDES THE REVISION AS POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
3 AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
4 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 19, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 15, A
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
6 NO. 16, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
7 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 19, 2016.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** EXCUSE ME. BACK ON ITEM 14, THAT INCLUDES THE ITEM
10 ON THE GREEN SHEET, RIGHT? THE LANGUAGE CHANGE?

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12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** RIGHT.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 17, THE
17 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
18 ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 19, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 19, A MEMBER OF THE
19 PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 22, THE
20 FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM NO. 23, SUPERVISORS KNABE, ANTONOVICH AND
22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
23 NO. 25, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
24 HELD. THAT COMPLETES-- EXCUSE ME. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
25 THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED. SUCH WILL
3 BE THE ORDER.

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5 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 26,
6 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION. ITEM 32, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
7 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 6 SALARIES BY ADDING,
8 DELETING AND CHANGING CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND A NUMBER OF
9 ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. THIS ITEM IS
10 BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
13 SECONDED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

14

15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 27,
16 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
17 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE
18 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 33-A, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
19 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 33-B, THIS ITEM IS
20 BEFORE YOU.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.
23 SECONDED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

24

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 33-C,
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
3 THIS ITEM BE HELD. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
5 DISTRICT NO. 3.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SPECIAL DIGNITARY THAT WE
8 WILL TAKE UP AT THIS TIME. THE ETHIOPIAN CONSUL GENERAL. GOOD
9 MORNING, MEMBERS, AND AUDIENCE. IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO
10 INVITE AMBASSADOR. ZERIHUN RETTA SHUMYE, CONSUL GENERAL OF
11 ETHIOPIA, AND THE DEAN OF LOS ANGELES CONSULAR CORPS WHO IS
12 JOINING US HERE TODAY. THE CONSUL GENERAL WAS ACCREDITED TO
13 HIS POST IN LOS ANGELES BACK IN JANUARY OF 2011. HIS
14 JURISDICTION INCLUDES CALIFORNIA AND 11 OTHER WESTERN STATES,
15 INCLUDING HAWAII. HE HAS ACTIVELY PROMOTED COMMERCIAL AND
16 TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND ETHIOPIA. HE HELPED
17 INITIATE THE FIRST DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM ETHIOPIA AIRLINES FROM
18 LAX TO ADDIS ABABA THAT STARTED LAST YEAR. HE INITIATED THE
19 FIRST ETHIOPIAN AMERICAN INVESTMENT FORUM IN LOS ANGELES IN
20 2014 AND ALSO STARTED THE DIASPORA 100 INVESTMENT PROJECT TO
21 FURTHER INVOLVE THE ETHIOPIAN DIASPORA IN ECONOMIC
22 DEVELOPMENT. HE ESTABLISHED ETHIOPIAN RENAISSANCE COUNCIL
23 COMMITTEES IN CALIFORNIA TO FURTHER INVOLVE ETHIOPIAN AND
24 ETHIOPIAN AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN OBSERVING ETHIOPIAN HISTORY
25 AND CULTURE. AS DEAN OF THE CONSULAR CORPS, HE PRESIDES OVER

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1 REGULAR MEETINGS AND ALSO REGULARLY BROUGHT AFRICAN COUNSULS
2 TOGETHER TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. WE'RE VERY
3 PLEASED THIS MORNING TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SEAL ON BEHALF
4 OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SERVICE, IN
5 RECOGNITION OF YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO ETHIOPIA AND TO THE
6 CONSULAR CORPS IN LOS ANGELES, AS ITS DEAN, AND IN
7 APPRECIATION OF YOUR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN STRENGTHENING
8 THE TIES BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND THE RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA AND
9 THE WESTERN UNITED STATES DURING YOUR POSTING HERE IN LOS
10 ANGELES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **HON. ZERIHUN SHUMYE:** DEAR HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND
13 GENTLEMEN, REPRESENTATIVES OF MY COMMUNITY HERE IN LOS
14 ANGELES, MY STAFF FROM THE OFFICE AND MY WIFE, LADIES AND
15 GENTLEMEN, IT'S A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO PRESENT HERE. IN THIS
16 FAREWELL, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND
17 APPRECIATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON
18 BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, MY STAFF, THE COMMUNITY AND MY WIFE,
19 TSAGANATAS FAI [PH?]. I HAVE BEEN SERVING HERE IN LOS ANGELES
20 AS A CONSUL GENERAL OF MY COUNTRY FOR FIVE YEARS COVERING THE
21 WEST COAST U.S.A. INDEED, THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAVE BEEN AN
22 ENJOYABLE ONE AND PARTLY SUCCESSFUL AS WITNESSED BY THE SMOOTH
23 AND SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IN
24 TRADE, INVESTMENT AND THE TOURISM SECTORS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND
25 THIS PART OF THE U.S. THOUGH THE TRADE BALANCE IN FAVOR OF THE

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1 U.S. IS BY AND LARGE FAR GREATER, THE TRADE VOLUME HAS SHOWN
2 STEADY GROWTH FOR BOTH COUNTRIES IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.
3 INVESTMENTS FROM THE U.S. COMPANIES TO ETHIOPIA IS SHOWING
4 MOMENTUM. DURING MY FIVE YEARS' TENURE HERE IN LOS ANGELES,
5 HIGH LEVEL ETHIO- U.S. BUSINESS SUMMIT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY
6 CONDUCTED AND MORE THAN 200 U.S. COMPANIES HAVE ATTENDED. THE
7 PRESIDENT OF MY COUNTRY HAS PRESIDED OVER THIS FORUM. THE
8 HISTORIC OCCASION OF MARKING THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT PROGRAM
9 ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES, THREE WEEKLY FLIGHTS DIRECT FROM LOS
10 ANGELES TO ADDIS ABABA HAS BEEN ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE
11 HISTORY OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. I HOPE THE COUNTY DOES UNDERSTAND
12 WHAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES THIS FLIGHT BROUGHT TO L.A. A
13 TRADE MISSION FROM L.A. MAYORAL OFFICE ALSO PAID A VISIT TO
14 ADDIS ABABA AND RECIPROCAL VISITS HAVE BEEN MADE IN DECEMBER
15 TO LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED WORKING RELATIONSHIP
16 WITH THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ENJOYED FRUITFUL
17 COOPERATION IN ALL AREAS INCLUDING ECONOMY, TRADE, SCIENCE AND
18 TECHNOLOGY AND CULTURE WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC
19 SOCIETIES. I MET THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES WHO HAPPENED TO BE
20 IN ETHIOPIA SOME 25 YEARS AGO AND DISCUSSED ON STRENGTHENING
21 OUR RELATIONSHIP. THIS FAREWELL SIGNIFIES THE STRENGTH OF OUR
22 TWO COUNTRIES. L.A. HAS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE FROM ALL
23 OVER THE WORLD. AS SUCH BUILDING BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND
24 PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMMUNITY IS VITAL. I
25 KNOW WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES BY

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1 DESIGNING DIFFERENT KINDS OF PROGRAMS, OR OUR COMMUNITY
2 REPRESENTATIVES TOOK NOTE OF THIS INITIATIVE AND STARTED
3 ORGANIZING THEMSELVES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
4 THESE NATIONS AND BACK TO THEIR HOMELAND. THROUGH THIS
5 FAREWELL SHOWS YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR WARM
6 FRIENDSHIP. A GREAT DEAL OF TIME HAS BEEN ALSO BY MY OFFICE IN
7 MOBILIZING OUR COMMUNITY DURING MY TENURE FOR DIFFERENT
8 PURPOSES. WE ORGANIZED DIFFERENT FORUMS, FESTIVALS, IN
9 PROMOTING OUR CULTURE. RECENTLY WE CELEBRATED THE
10 NATIONALITIES PEOPLES OF ETHIOPIA DAY COLORFULLY, AND YOU
11 HONORED US NOT ONLY BY SENDING YOUR REPRESENTATIVE BUT ALSO BY
12 GIVING US A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. WE THANK YOU VERY
13 MUCH. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUE OF YOUR COOPERATIONS. I KNOW
14 THIS IS NOT AN OCCASION FOR ME TO GO LONG ON THE CURRENT
15 DEVELOPMENTS IN MY COUNTRY, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY COMPELS ME TO
16 SAY A FEW. TODAY ETHIOPIA HAS BEGUN OPENING A NEW CHAPTER IN
17 ITS PROUD LEGACY. AND THE WORLD IS COMING TO RECOGNIZE THAT
18 ETHIOPIA IS A NATION WITH AN EXTENSIVE HISTORY AND TRADITION
19 AS WELL AS BEING ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING ECONOMIES ON THE
20 CONTINENT. THE COUNTRY HAS RESEARCH, G.D.P. GROWTH AVERAGING
21 MORE THAN 10.8 PERCENT IN THE LAST 13 YEARS IN A ROW. COMPARED
22 TO THE ORIGINAL AVERAGE OF 5.3, THIS GROWTH IS REMARKABLE.
23 THIS PROGRESS IS PROJECTED TO STAY SIMILAR, EVEN HIGHER, OVER
24 THE COMING YEARS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM VERY PROUD TO BE
25 PART OF MY CONSULATE OFFICE AND PROUD TO RECEIVE THIS

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1 RECOGNITION ON BEHALF OF MY OFFICE. I AM LEAVING L.A. WITH A
2 WONDERFUL MEMORY. I WILL FOREVER REMEMBER THE LOVELY PEOPLE,
3 THE FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT, THE BEAUTIFUL SUNSHINE, THE EXCELLENT
4 WEATHER AND THE FAMOUS [INAUDIBLE]. PARTICULARLY MY SPECIAL
5 RESPECT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROTOCOL OFFICE, MISS
6 LOURDES AND THE OTHER STAFF. I WILL ALWAYS CHERISH THIS
7 WHEREVER I AM. THOUGH I AM GOING BACK TO HOME, I WILL STILL IN
8 ONE WAY OR ANOTHER CONTINUE TO WORK FOR RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
9 MY COUNTRY AND THE U.S., AND PARTICULARLY WILL WORK IN
10 STRENGTHENING THE BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE STARTED. IN
11 CONCLUSION, I ONCE AGAIN WOULD LIKE TO SAY HOW GRATEFUL I AM
12 ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, MY COMMUNITY AND THE CONSULATE
13 OFFICE FOR THIS FAREWELL. WE ARE TRULY HONORED. THE FAREWELL
14 IS ALSO REMINDING US THE BIGGEST RESPONSIBILITY AHEAD OF US IN
15 MAKING DIFFERENCE IN OUR SOCIETY. I CAN ASSURE YOU, THE STAFF
16 AND MY SUCCESSOR OF OUR CONSULATE OFFICE WILL INTENSIFY THEIR
17 EFFORTS IN IMPROVING THE TWO COUNTRIES' RELATIONSHIP IN ALL
18 ASPECTS. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THANK THE CONSUL GENERAL FOR PUTTING THE
23 MICROPHONE FOR WHAT IS CORRECT IN TERMS OF HEIGHT. THIS
24 PRESENTATION GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE. THE RELEASE OF THE
25 COUNTY'S DRAFT PLANS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS JUST A FEW DAYS

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1 AGO OFFERS A PERFECT CONTEXT IN WHICH TO LIFT UP THE
2 COURAGEOUS AND COMMON SENSE ACTIONS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS LIKE
3 MARYAM ZAR. EACH OF US SEES HOMELESS PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS, IN
4 OUR NEIGHBORHOODS EVERY DAY. MAYBE WE GIVE THEM A FEW BUCKS.
5 MAYBE WE JUST WALK RIGHT ON BY. MARYAM ZAR SAW THE GROWING
6 NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO WERE HOMELESS IN HER
7 NEIGHBORHOOD AND RESPONDED BY CREATING THE PACIFIC PALISADES
8 TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS. THE TASKFORCE RESPONDED
9 COMPASSIONATELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THE HOMELESS MEN AND
10 WOMEN IN THEIR VERY NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY FOUND WAYS TO OFFER
11 THESE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS SERVICES SO THEY COULD ACTUALLY
12 TRANSITION OFF THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING. THEY RAISED MONEY
13 AMONG THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR NEIGHBORS, THROUGH THEIR
14 COMMUNITIES TO HELP PAY FOR THESE SERVICES. THEY ENGAGED THE
15 VARIOUS CITY AND COUNTY AGENCIES DIRECTLY TO CONNECT PEOPLE
16 WHO NEEDED HELP WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO COULD PROVIDE
17 THAT HELP. THIS IS A TIME FOR ACTION FROM MANY HANDS BECAUSE
18 WE ALL WANT TO SEE ALL OF OUR HOMELESS MEN AND WOMEN AND
19 CHILDREN GET THE HOUSING THAT THEY NEED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY
20 RECEIVE THE SERVICES THAT WE HAVE TO OFFER. SO PLEASE HELP ME
21 LIFT UP AND APPLAUD THE ACTIONS OF MARYAM ZAR AND THE PACIFIC
22 PALISADES TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **MARYAM ZAR:** HI, EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US A CHANCE TO
25 BE HERE, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR AND THE ENTIRE

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1 L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING US TODAY. MY
2 NAME IS MARYAM ZAR. I AM THE CHAIR OF THE PACIFIC PALISADES
3 TASKFORCE ON HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
4 WHICH WAS CREATED ABOUT A YEAR AGO. WE HAD SOME HELP CREATING
5 IT, THE OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY MEMBER AND THE OFFICE OF OUR
6 COUNCILMAN MIKE BONIN AND HELPED US CREATE THIS COMMUNITY
7 GROUP. THEY CAME TO OUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN PACIFIC PALISADES
8 AND DREW OUR ATTENTION TO THE GROWING PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS
9 EVEN LOCALLY, JUST IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY. SO AS RESIDENTS, WE
10 ALL GOT TOGETHER AND FORMED A GROUP CALLED THE TASKFORCE ON
11 HOMELESSNESS AND WE DO HAVE A LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE, KEY
12 MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE HERE WITH ME TODAY AND I WILL RECOGNIZE
13 THEM AND INTRODUCE THEM IN JUST A SECOND. I DO WANT TO THANK
14 THE ENTIRE CITY, COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR ALL OF THE
15 RECOGNITION THAT THEY'VE GIVEN US RECENTLY. WE WERE RECOGNIZED
16 AS THE PRIDE OF THE PALISADES LAST MONTH IN DECEMBER BY OUR
17 COMMUNITY, WHICH IS THE PACIFIC PALISADES. BUT WE WERE ALSO
18 GIVEN CERTIFICATES BY SENATOR BEN ALLEN, ASSEMBLY MEMBER
19 RICHARD BLOOM, COUNCILMAN MIKE BONIN, CITY ATTORNEY MIKE FEUER
20 AND A FEW OTHERS. SO WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION
21 THAT WE'RE GETTING. OUR MISSION WAS TO TACKLE THE ISSUE OF
22 HOMELESSNESS FROM VARIOUS DIFFERENT ANGLES. SO WHAT WE DID WAS
23 THAT WE CAME TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION WITH OUR
24 LEADERSHIP GROUP AND DEFINED A FEW AREAS WHERE WE WOULD HAVE
25 TO DO SOME WORK TO BE ABLE TO REALLY ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF

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1 HOMELESSNESS. WE DECIDED THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS ONE OF THOSE
2 AREAS, SO WE COORDINATED WITH OUR LOCAL L.A.P.D. AND L.A.F.D.
3 TO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR BLUFFS AND OUR BEACHES AND MAKE SURE
4 THAT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING LAWLESS GOING ON. WE THOUGHT THAT
5 THE FIRE ISSUE, AT LEAST IN OUR COMMUNITY, WAS IMPORTANT
6 BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF HILLSIDES AND BLUFFS. SO WE
7 COORDINATED WITH CITY AND COUNTY AGENCIES, AGAIN INCLUDING THE
8 L.A.F.D. THROUGH ONE OF OUR LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS,
9 BRUCE SCHWARTZ, AND WE DEVELOPED SOME SIGNAGE THAT NOW HELPS
10 KEEP OUR BLUFFS A LITTLE BIT SAFER FROM THE HAZARD OF FIRE.
11 AND WE WENT OUT TO SEE WHAT SOME OF THE BEST THE PRACTICES
12 WERE ACROSS THE CITY AND COUNTY FOR DEALING WITH THE NEEDS OF
13 HOMELESS PEOPLE. AND SO WE ZEROED IN ON OUR NOW PARTNERS IN
14 PACIFIC PALISADES, THE O.P.C.C., AND WE ENGAGED THEM TO COME
15 AND HELP US BRING RESOURCES, FULL SERVICES INTO THE PALISADES
16 TO HELP CREATE NEW OPTIONS AND EVENTUALLY FIND HOUSING FOR
17 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE FORMED A FUNDRAISING
18 COMMITTEE, HEADED BY BARBARA OVERLAND, WHICH HAS BEEN AN
19 INCREDIBLE COMMITTEE WITH FORMIDABLE RESULTS. WE'VE ACTUALLY
20 RAISED THE MONEY WE NEEDED TO RAISE TO SECURE THE FIRST YEAR
21 OF OUR SERVICES WITH THE O.P.C.C., WHICH WE CAN SAY WE'VE
22 BEGUN IN JANUARY. OUR OUTREACH TEAM CAME IN AT THE BEGINNING
23 OF THE WEEK, THEY WERE THERE ON MONDAY, THEY STARTED TO SORT
24 OF LOOK AROUND AT THE LAY OF THE LAND. AND WE CAN SAY THAT
25 WE'VE BEGUN OUR MULTIPRONGED STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH

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1 HOMELESSNESS IN PACIFIC PALISADES. AND I DARE SAY THAT WE CAN
2 MAKE A DIFFERENCE, AND IF WE DO, WE'LL BE BACK HERE TO TELL
3 YOU ABOUT IT. AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN HELP OTHER COMMUNITIES DO
4 THE SAME. SO I THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR THE RECOGNITION. I
5 WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TASKFORCE
6 THAT ARE HERE WITH ME TODAY. BARBARA OVERLAND WHO'S THE HEAD
7 OF OUR FUNDRAISING. COURTNEY OVERLAND WHO IS THE HEAD OF OUR
8 OUTREACH. SHARON KILLBRIDE WHO ACTUALLY GETS HONORABLE MENTION
9 BECAUSE SHE WAS RECENTLY RECOGNIZED IN PACIFIC PALISADES AS
10 THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BECAUSE OF ALL THE WORK THAT SHE DOES
11 ON MANY FRONTS IN PACIFIC PALISADES BUT SPECIFICALLY ON
12 HOMELESSNESS. AND BRUCE SCHWARTZ, WHO IS THE HEAD OF OUR
13 GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND HE HELPED DEVELOP THE FIRE
14 SIGNS ALONG WITH THE L.A.F.D. SO THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR
15 HAVING US HERE TODAY AND FOR LISTENING TO US. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
20 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I'D LIKE TO CALL MR. GLENN BYERS FORWARD
21 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR. WE WERE
22 TALKING UPSTAIRS THAT THIS IS A SAD DAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
23 ANGELES. MR. GLENN BYERS IS RETIRING AS A VALUED MEMBER OF OUR
24 COUNTY FAMILY AFTER 42 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE. AS I
25 DISCUSSED UPSTAIRS, SOMETIMES PEOPLE JUST RETIRE. AND THEY

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1 SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN DOING A JOB. HIS INSTITUTIONAL
2 KNOWLEDGE IN OUR GREAT COUNTY AND THE IMPACT HE'S HAD ON OUR
3 BOND RATINGS AND THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND TAX
4 COLLECTOR ARE REALLY GOING TO BE MISSED, SO WE WISH HIM THE
5 VERY BEST. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER BACK IN NOVEMBER OF 1973 AS A
6 STUDENT PROFESSIONAL WORKER IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT. HE
7 THEN SPENT THE NEXT 12 YEARS IN BOTH PROBATION AND THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO TREASURER
9 TAX COLLECTOR IN 1986. WORKING IN THE FINANCE BRANCH OF THE
10 T.T.C., GLENN DEDICATED HIS EFFORTS TOWARD THE SUCCESSFUL
11 COMPLETION OF HUNDREDS OF BOND FINANCINGS FOR THE COUNTY, ITS
12 SPECIAL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS. GLENN WAS
13 PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TREASURER AND TAX
14 COLLECTOR IN 2004 WHERE HE WAS GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
15 THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC FINANCE, OUR INVESTMENT AND DEFERRED
16 INCOME PROGRAMS. IT WAS IN THIS ROLE THAT GLENN TRULY
17 DEMONSTRATED HIS IMPORTANCE TO THE COUNTY'S FISCAL OPERATIONS.
18 IN A PERIOD OF JUST FIVE YEARS, GLENN HELPED THE COUNTY SECURE
19 SIX CREDIT UPGRADES FROM THE NATIONAL RATING SERVICES, UNHEARD
20 OF IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS. HE ALSO HELPED NAVIGATE THE
21 COUNTY'S \$25 BILLION INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO THROUGH THE
22 FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 2007, 2008 WITHOUT-- WITHOUT SUFFERING A
23 SINGLE INVESTMENT LOSS. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, GLENN ACHIEVED HIS
24 SUCCESS WHILE MAINTAINING CONSTANT RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP OF
25 THOSE THAT WORK WITH HIM. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THEY ALL ASKED

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1 IF I WOULD BRING IN AN URGENCY ORDER TODAY TO UN-RETIRE GLENN
2 BYERS. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, GLENN AND HIS FAMILY DIDN'T AGREE.
3 SO, GLENN, WE JUST THANK YOU FOR YOUR 42 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
4 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. WE WISH
5 YOU A GREAT RETIREMENT, GOOD HEALTH AND GOD'S SPEED AND
6 CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. [APPLAUSE.] (CHEERS AND
7 APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE).

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY WHEN WE HAD INTERNATIONAL
10 DELEGATIONS HERE, HE WAS ABLE TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY'S FISCAL
11 POLICIES AND PROFESSIONALISM WAS REALLY APPRECIATED. SO HE'S
12 WELL RESPECTED ABROAD AS WELL AS AT HOME. CONGRATULATIONS,
13 GLENN.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S ALL YOURS.

16

17 **JOSEPH KELLY:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HONORING
18 GLENN THIS WAY AND THANK EVERYONE IN THE AUDIENCE IN THE
19 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR WHO'S COME OUT TO SUPPORT GLENN, AS
20 WELL. HE'S BEEN A REALLY ADMIRABLE AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF OUR
21 TEAM FOR A LONG TIME, AS YOU SAY. HE'S HAD SUCH A BLUEPRINT.
22 HIS FINGERS ARE ALL OVER EVERYTHING THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS
23 BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF MANAGING OUR MONEY
24 BUT CERTAINLY IN TERMS OF SOME OF OUR INNOVATIVE FINANCING
25 PROGRAMS. HE'S WORKED A LONG TIME AND HE DESERVES TO RETIRE

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1 AND ENJOY HIMSELF. HE HAS A TREMENDOUS FAMILY, SOME OF WHOM I
2 MET TODAY FOR THE FIRST TIME. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND ALL
3 OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE AUDIENCE, WE WISH YOU ABSOLUTELY THE
4 BEST IN RETIREMENT. GOOD LUCK. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **GLENN BYERS:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR ARRANGING
7 THIS RECOGNITION. I'M HUMBLLED BY THE FACT THAT IT'S BEEN 42
8 YEARS SINCE I STARTED WITH THE COUNTY. THANK YOU, JOE, FOR
9 YOUR KIND WORDS, AS WELL. AND THANK YOU TO THE BOARD, WHO HAS
10 SERVED THIS COUNTY SO WELL OVER THE YEARS BECAUSE NO ONE
11 PERSON OR PERSONS DO IT ALONE; IT TAKES A TEAM. AND WE'VE HAD
12 A GREAT TEAM HERE AT THE COUNTY. AS I WAS CONTEMPLATING WHAT I
13 MIGHT SAY TODAY, I WAS REFLECTING ON MY FIRST MEMORY OF THE
14 COUNTY, WHICH ACTUALLY IS IN THIS BUILDING. I WAS A SENIOR IN
15 COLLEGE, AND I CAME TO THE FOURTH FLOOR HERE WHERE D.H.R. HAD
16 AN OFFICE WHERE THEY HAD JOB BULLETINS. AND I WAS GOING
17 THROUGH THE JOB BULLETINS. I WAS JUST A COLLEGE STUDENT
18 LOOKING FOR A JOB. AND I APPLIED FOR A STUDENT PROFESSIONAL
19 WORKER POSITION, AS WAS MENTIONED BY THE SUPERVISOR, AND
20 BEFORE I KNEW IT I WAS WORKING IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
21 THE YEARS SEEMED TO GO BY FAST. AND THEN A LITTLE BIT OF
22 IRONY. IT SEEMS KIND OF FUNNY TO ME THAT I NOT ONLY STARTED IN
23 THIS BUILDING BUT I WILL SOON END MY CAREER IN THIS BUILDING.
24 I WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY FOR SUPPORTING ME TODAY. I HAVE
25 QUITE A FEW HERE. I HAVE MY MOTHER, MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, MY WIFE,

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1 AND BY THE WAY, MY WIFE IS ALSO A COUNTY EMPLOYEE, AND
2 TOGETHER WE HAVE MORE THAN 70 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE. MY
3 BROTHERS IN LAW, OUR CHILDREN, OUR FOUR CHILDREN ARE HERE, ONE
4 OF OUR GRANDDAUGHTERS, OUR SIX GRANDCHILDREN ARE HERE, AND WHO
5 DID I MISS? DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, DON'T WANT TO MISS ANYBODY. AND I
6 WANT TO THANK THEM FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THEY'VE GIVEN ME OVER
7 THE YEARS, BECAUSE AS ANYONE KNOWS WHEN YOU MOVE UP THE RANKS,
8 IT TAKES MORE TIME, IT TAKES MORE EFFORT. AND THE CHALLENGES
9 GET MORE AND THE SACRIFICES ARE MADE NOT JUST BY ME BUT ALSO
10 IT WAS MADE BY THEM. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT MY MOTHER MADE ME
11 WHAT I COULD BECOME BUT IT WAS MY WIFE STANDING BEHIND ME
12 PRODDING ME TO HELP ME BECOME WHAT I BECAME. I GUESS JUST IN
13 CLOSING, I WANT TO THANK THE OPPORTUNITY AND PRIVILEGE OF
14 WORKING WITH THE MANY FINE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY FAMILY. THERE
15 ARE A LOT OF VERY DEDICATED AND HARD-WORKING PEOPLE. AND IT'S
16 ALWAYS BEEN MY HOPE THAT I WAS JUST ABLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
17 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS RECOGNIZED.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS LITTLE OLIVER WHO IS ALREADY DRESSED
22 UP FOR EL NI O. HE'S WELL PREPARED. HE'S FIVE YEARS OLD, HE'S
23 LOOKING FOR A HOME. YOU CAN CALL 562-256-1649. AND THE EL NI O
24 JACKET WILL GO WITH OLIVER. SO HE WILL BE PREPARED TO HELP

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1 WITH THE FAMILY WHEN THAT RAIN STARTS BEGINNING. SO THIS IS
2 LITTLE OLIVER LOOKING FOR A HOME.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, THE MIC'S ON. HERE WE GO ONCE AGAIN,
5 TAKE TWO. AS SHEILA WOULD SAY. WE'LL TAKE TWO, OKAY. OLIVER IS
6 FIVE YEARS OLD. HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME AND AS I SAID, HE CAME
7 WITH HIS EL NI O JACKET AND THAT GOES WITH OLIVER. YOU CAN
8 CALL 562-256-1649. AND LITTLE OLIVER AND JACKET GOES. LOOK AT
9 THE PRETTY LADIES. I SAID, LOOK AT THE PRETTY LADIES AND SEE
10 WHAT HE DID? OKAY.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL NOW MOVE FORWARD ON THE
13 AGENDA, ALL THOSE ITEMS.

14

15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE
16 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE
17 THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT
18 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE
19 NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
20 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC
21 OR THE ABILITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE
22 BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS OPERATIVE DURING
23 TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE
24 FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN
25 THEIR TIME IS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST

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1 RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC
2 COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE
3 BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN
4 A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN
5 RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING OR
6 DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY,
7 DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY
8 MEMBER OF STAFF OR OTHER PERSONS. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE
9 SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF
10 AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR
11 OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. A PERSON
12 ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO
13 BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT
14 OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
15 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING,
16 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE
20 BEEN HELD BY THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND I'LL CALL THEM UP. ARNOLD
21 SACHS, ITEM 1-P. ITEM 11, ITEM 13, ITEM 15, ITEM 19, ITEM 33-
22 A. ERIC PREVEN, ITEM 1-H, 1-P, 1, 11, 13 AND 25.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT IS ERIC
2 PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. SHOULD I GO AHEAD
3 AND BEGIN? I GUESS I SHOULD.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** TODAY I HAD A QUICK QUESTION ABOUT ITEM NO. 5,
8 WHICH IS MAYOR ANTONOVICH WHO IS GIVING AWAY THAT ADORABLE
9 LITTLE EL NI O PUPPY IS DOING A SOLE- SOURCE DEAL FOR \$500 TO
10 A SPAY AND NEUTER GROUP. EVERYBODY LOVES SPAY AND NEUTERING AS
11 MUCH AS-- THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THAT SPACE. I WAS JUST
12 WONDERING ABOUT THE SOLE-SOURCE NATURE BECAUSE IT'S
13 COMPETITIVE OUT THERE. AND THERE'S ALSO SOME UNSTATED
14 OPERATIONAL COSTS GOING FORWARD THAT WE SHOULD JUST DOUBLE-
15 CHECK BECAUSE TO MY RECOLLECTION, I'M PRETTY SURE THAT ANIMAL
16 CONTROL RECENTLY BEEFED UP WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON THE
17 PAYROLL. BUT IT IS NICE TO DO AND I APPRECIATE THAT. SO THANK
18 YOU. ITEM 25 IS THE SHERIFF HAS CASH NEEDS, AS ALL SHERIFFS DO
19 NATIONWIDE, AND HE MAKES REQUESTS, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
20 SIGNS OFF AND WE DISBURSE THE CASH. I'VE LOOKED AT IT. IT'S
21 ABOUT HALF A MILLION A YEAR. WHAT HE'S DOING WITH THAT CASH
22 REQUIRES MR. HUNTSMAN'S ATTENTION, SINCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
23 HAS BEEN INSTALLED WITH A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST AND ABILITY
24 TO SORT THOSE THINGS OUT. ITEM NO. 1, I AM VERY UPSET BECAUSE
25 MR. GRANBO, WHO IS YOUR LAWYER, WHO HAS BEEN BATTLING PUBLIC

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1 SAFETY FOR YEARS, IS GOING ON THE CLAIMS BOARD. AND HE'S BEING
2 APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL. SO THIS WOULD BE AN EXAMPLE
3 OF THE OPPOSITE OF ANY KIND OF INDEPENDENT EYES ON THAT. NOW,
4 I REALIZE IT IS YOUR TEAM FIGHTING YOUR LEGAL BATTLES, BUT
5 THAT IS NOT THE GUY WHO'S PULLING. THAT'S THE GUY WHO'S BEEN
6 PRESIDING OVER THE HYSTERICAL UPTICK IN LAW ENFORCEMENT
7 LIABILITY THAT IS GOING TO BE COMING NEXT WEEK ON THE AGENDA
8 OR ONE OF THESE WEEKS WHEN WE STOP KICKING IT DOWN THE ROAD
9 AND REFUSING TO DEAL WITH IT. ITEM NO. 7 IS A LITTLE MORE
10 PERKY AND UPBEAT. THAT'S THE SMALL BUSINESS GROUP. I REALLY DO
11 APPRECIATE THIS. THIS IS GETTING SMALL BUSINESSES INTO THE MIX
12 TO NAVIGATE THE LABYRINTHINE R.F.P. PROCESSES AND TRYING TO
13 GET THINGS GOING. CALLING IT A CONCIERGE IS NICE. WE HAVE TO
14 BE CAREFUL THAT WE'RE NOT ONLY DEALING WITH GUESTS WHO WE KNOW
15 AND LIKE. WE HAVE TO MAKE IT OPEN FOR FOLKS WHO ARE NOT SO
16 NECESSARILY, YOU KNOW, FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCESS. ITEM 1-P IS
17 A PAINFUL REMINDER OF THE REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT WORK
18 THAT WE'VE BEEN DOING RECENTLY IN MIGRATING NOT ONE BUT TWO
19 LOADS OF \$180,000 TO THE THIRD DISTRICT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE A
20 RESTROOM UPGRADE OR A RESTROOM REFURBISHMENT. I'VE ASKED MR.
21 WICKER TO CLARIFY SPECIFICALLY WHAT'S GOING ON THERE. IT'S A
22 \$220,000 PROJECT BUT WE REQUESTED 360 FROM TWO DIFFERENT POTS.
23 THIS IN THE NICEST POSSIBLE LANGUAGE SMELLS TO HIGH HEAVEN. SO
24 I WOULD ASK THAT SOMEBODY LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT WORK FROM LAST
25 WEEK. IT WAS ON THE AGENDA ON DECEMBER POSSIBLY 8TH OR JANUARY

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1 8TH AND DECEMBER 15TH. I AM NOT SURE. IT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA
2 TODAY BUT 1-P IS A CATALOGUING OF THOSE RECENT ITEMS. ITEM NO.
3 13, WELCOME BACK TO CAL REMINGTON. THIS IS A FANTASTIC GUY.
4 THIS IS A GUY WITH A NAME WHO IS WORLD CLASS AND WITH WHO IS
5 SORT OF A REVOLVER AS HE COMES IN AS THE PROBATION GUY. HE IS
6 FROG MARCHED OUT SEASONALLY. SO. WELCOME BACK, SIR.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. DO YOU ACTUALLY LISTEN TO THE
11 RULES THAT YOU TALK ABOUT, BY THE WAY? I MEAN, THE FOUR ITEMS
12 HE WAS DISCUSSING WERE HELD ITEMS SO THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN
13 DISCUSSED DURING THIS PERIOD BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TALKING
14 ABOUT RULES. ANYWAY, THANKS FOR CLARIFYING WHAT THE RULES ARE
15 FOR THE MEETING. AND THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE CLAPPING. 1-P, I
16 HELD 1-P FOR THE MINUTES. THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY UPDATE
17 FROM THE COUNCIL-- FROM THE SUPERVISORS ABOUT THE UPDATE ON
18 THE PROJECT LIST FOR THE PARKS THAT ARE-- THAT YOU REQUESTED,
19 WHAT, LAST YEAR, TWO YEARS AGO? AND ANY PLAN FOR REPLACING THE
20 FUNDING FROM THE PARK PROPOSITION FROM 1992 THAT EXPIRES THIS
21 YEAR BEFORE-- PRIOR TO THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, WHICH
22 BRINGS ME TO THE MINUTES FOR THE AGENCY THAT THE BOARD
23 GOVERNS. THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TRUST, WHICH IS
24 DIFFERENT THAN THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, YOU SIT
25 ON THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY TRUST BECAUSE YOU HAD

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1 AN AGREEMENT WITH METRO ABOUT SOME PROPERTY, BUT YOU DON'T SIT
2 ON THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. SO WHERE DO WE GET
3 MINUTES FROM THAT MEETING? AND WHEN IS IT HELD? AND 13 IS THE
4 PROBATION CONTRACT APPROVED AS PER FORM. DID YOU GO DOWN TO
5 THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BY ANY CHANCE, TO PICK UP THAT CONTRACT
6 FORM? BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE
7 CONTRACT. IT'S JUST A FORM. AND YOU CAN GET THAT AT ANY SELF-
8 HELP WINDOW AT ANY ONE OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSES. THEY HAVE
9 SELF-HELP WINDOWS WHERE YOU CAN PICK UP ANY NUMBER OF FORMS.
10 SO APPROVAL AS TO FORM, YOU'RE PAYING THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO
11 APPROVE A FORM THAT YOU CAN GET AT ANY COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR
12 FREE. THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. PROP C REFERS TO SOME LOCAL
13 SALES TAX FUNDING. DID THEY GET MATCHING MEASURE R FUNDING?
14 YOU KNOW THAT 5 PERCENT OR 15 PERCENT LOCAL RETURN THAT
15 EVERYBODY VOTED FOR THAT NOBODY EVER SEEMS TO SPEND? EXCEPT
16 METRO. DO THEY GET MATCHING FUNDS? SO THAT WOULD BE LIKE \$2
17 MILLION THERE OR \$200,000 WHATEVER THE ITEM IS THE AMOUNT ON
18 THE ITEM. BY THE WAY, JUST THINK IF IT WAS MAKING THE \$1.3
19 BILLION THAT YOU FORECAST YOU TALKED ABOUT PASSING MEASURE R.
20 GET NO RESPONSE ON THAT, EITHER. ITEM 19 REFERS TO UNLAWFUL--
21 UNHEALTHFUL CONDITIONS WHICH CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE IN
22 UNINCORPORATED AREAS. JUST THINK, IF THOSE HOMES IN PORTER
23 RANCH HADN'T BEEN ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF L.A., THEY WOULD BE
24 UNINCORPORATED L.A., UNINCORPORATED COUNTY. THEY WOULD
25 CONSTITUTE AN UNHEALTHY CONDITION. AND YOU'D BE ABLE TO SHUT

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1 THEM OUT, RIGHT? BUT YOU ANNEXED THEM TO THE CITY OF L.A.
2 THAT'S A PRETTY SNEAKY WHOLE SITUATION. 33-A REFERS TO THE
3 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES DEVELOPMENT ON DISABILITY SENDING A
4 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. ISN'T THAT--

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MENTAL ILLNESS? ISN'T THAT THE SAME THING? YEAH.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME HAS ENDED.

11

12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEMS 1-H, 1-P, 1,
13 11, 13, 15, 19, 25 AND 33-A ARE BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED
16 BY SOLIS. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. OKAY, MEMBERS. MEMBERS,
17 WE'VE HAD ITEM 7 HELD. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. WE HAVE A
20 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT WE WANTED TO SUGGEST AND HOPEFULLY
21 WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE COSPONSORS. BUT PERHAPS SUPERVISOR
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND YOUYOURSELF WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS MOTION
23 AND THEN I CAN JUST COVER A FEW POINTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED
24 AMENDMENT?

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS.

3
4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR.
5 SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS IS GOOD BUSINESS FOR THE COUNTY, AS
6 THEY PROVIDE HALF OF ALL THE JOBS IN THE REGION. GROWING SMALL
7 BUSINESSES GENERATES MORE TAX REVENUES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
8 TO PROVIDE WHAT WE DEFINE AS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT SERVICES.
9 AND SO SMALL BUSINESSES, THEY ALSO OFFER OUR YOUTH THE ENTRY-
10 LEVEL JOBS THAT ARE NEEDED TO DEVELOP ESSENTIAL SKILLS. MANY
11 OF US COULD PERSONALLY TESTIFY AS TO WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WE HAD
12 AS WE WERE YOUNG, FOR THOSE OF US WHO CAN RECALL BEING YOUNG;
13 THAT IS TO SAY, YOUTH. AS THOUGH I KNOW SEVERAL PERSONS LOOK
14 AT ME ON THE DAIS, ASSERTING THAT THEY ARE STILL YOUTHFUL. I
15 THINK THE SMALL BUSINESS AGENDA, WHEN WE WERE COMING THROUGH
16 AND LEARNING HOW TO WORK AND GETTING A SENSE OF WHAT A WORK
17 ETHIC WAS ABOUT, MADE AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT, AN IMPORTANT
18 STATEMENT IN OUR LIVES AND IN SOME CASES AN INDISPENSABLY
19 IMPORTANT STATEMENT. SO ESTABLISHING PROCUREMENT AND
20 CONTRACTING GOALS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IS SOMETHING THAT'S
21 WELL-ESTABLISHED. AND WE OUGHT TO BE ON WITH IT. IT IS A
22 FEATURE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY THAT JUST SIMPLY MAKES
23 SENSE AT THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS, PARTICULARLY IN PUBLIC
24 AGENCIES. AND SO THIS MOTION NOW THAT COMES BEFORE US JUST
25 ASKS THE COUNTY TO DO ITS SHARE OF BUSINESS WITH SOCIAL

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1 ENTERPRISES AND PROVIDE TRAINING AND JOBS TO THOSE WHO ARE
2 OTHERWISE DEFINED AS MEMBERS OF COMMUNITIES THAT ARE SEEKING
3 TO EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND WANT TO REJECT THE
4 LANGUAGE OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES AND BORROW THE LANGUAGE
5 OF MICHAEL PORTER WHO TALKED ABOUT EMERGING MARKETS, NOT
6 VIRTUAL WASTELANDS BUT SEEING THESE AS OPPORTUNITIES OF
7 CONSEQUENCE. AND SO BOTH THE CHAIR AND I OFFER THIS MOTION FOR
8 OUR COLLECTIVE CONSIDERATION. AND BY DOING SO, THE COUNTY AND
9 THE COMMUNITY, WE BOTH BENEFIT BY GAINFULLY EMPLOYING THOSE
10 WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE DEPENDENT ON TAXPAYER-FUNDED SOCIAL
11 SAFETY NET PROGRAMS. SO THERE IS A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE.
12 MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS, REDUCING THE
13 DEMAND FOR COUNTY SERVICES, AND, FINALLY, INCREASING THE TAX
14 BASE, A TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AND THAT'S
15 WHAT WE FOCUS ON. AND SO THE COUNTY'S SMALL BUSINESS
16 COMMISSION HAS RECOMMENDED A 25 PERCENT UTILIZATION GOAL FOR
17 SMALL BUSINESSES AND 3 PERCENT FOR DISABLED VETERAN
18 ENTERPRISES, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE'S PROGRAM AND THE
19 COUNTY'S 1998 BOLD STEPS FORWARD INITIATIVE. SHOUT OUT TO THE
20 COMMISSION FOR THEIR WORK. THEY'VE WORKED ON THIS A LONG TIME.
21 AND SEVERAL OF YOU ARE HERE TODAY. WE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU WITH OUR
22 THANKS AND RECOGNITION. THE MOTION IMPLEMENTS THE COMMISSION'S
23 RECOMMENDATIONS BY DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
24 BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO RETURN WITH THE NECESSARY ORDINANCES AND
25 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY'S PROCEDURES. THE OBJECTIVE IS TO

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1 BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION STARTING NEXT FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017. AND
2 THIS IS CRITICAL IF WE INTEND TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS BY THE YEAR
3 2020, GOALS THAT SUPPORT THE REGIONAL ECONOMY, BEING SMART
4 ABOUT THIS. LEVERAGING THESE ASSETS. AND THE COUNTY'S BOTTOM
5 LINE BY KEEPING MORE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS IN THE LOCAL ECONOMY
6 BY THE SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESS. MADAME CHAIR, WE THANK YOU
7 FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE AWARE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL
8 AMENDMENTS THAT ARE COMING FORWARD FOR WHICH WE THINK ARE
9 COMPATIBLE. I THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS REMARKS AND ALSO FOR HIS
13 LEADERSHIP ON THE ISSUE. AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR STAFFS OF
14 BOTH OFFICES AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENTS, TO OUR BUSINESS AND
15 COMMUNITY PARTNERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY AS WELL AS THOSE THAT
16 HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THIS EXCELLENT WORK THAT IS A
17 RESULT OF THIS MOTION. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND
18 KNABE FOR YOUR FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE AMENDMENTS. AND WHAT
19 THIS MOTION PROVES TO US TODAY IS THAT WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT
20 THIS PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES. IT REFLECTS OUR
21 STRONG AND SHARED BELIEF THAT NOW'S THE TIME TO BRING DIVERSE
22 AND ENTREPRENEURIAL ENERGY TO THE TABLE. AND IT'S A STARTING
23 POINT IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF HOW WE INVEST IN OUR LOCAL
24 COMMUNITIES AND STRENGTHEN OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. SMALL
25 BUSINESSES, AS HAS BEEN SAID, IS THE ENGINE OF OUR LOCAL

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1 ECONOMY. WE ALL KNOW THAT AND WE ALL RESPECT THAT. OUR GOAL IS
2 TO ADD EVEN MORE POWER TO THAT ENGINE. WE'RE NOT LOOKING TO
3 IMPOSE USELESS, CUMBERSOME CONDITIONS ON LOCAL SMALL
4 BUSINESSES; RATHER, WE WANT TO BE A REAL INVESTMENT PARTNER
5 WITH BUSINESS. AND TOGETHER I'M CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN CREATE
6 HIGH QUALITY LOCAL JOBS, PRODUCE CUTTING EDGE GOODS AND
7 SERVICES, AND GENERATE DEEPLY NETWORKED AND CONNECTED
8 COMMUNITIES. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
9 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS IS UP TO THE CHALLENGE TO TRANSFORM THE
10 CERTIFICATION INTO A BADGE OF HONOR, A SORT OF GOOD
11 HOUSEKEEPING SEAL, IF YOU WILL, OF EXCELLENCE IN OUR LOCAL
12 BUSINESSES. COUPLED WITH THAT, THE OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL
13 ASSISTANCE THAT WILL BE PROVIDED WILL PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE
14 GROWTH AND OUTCOMES FOR OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES. WE APPRECIATE
15 THE YEARS OF SERVICE OF OUR SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION AND
16 THOSE MEMBERS THAT HAVE ALSO CONTRIBUTED THEIR IDEAS TO THIS
17 MOTION TODAY. YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. AND WE ALSO MUST
18 ACKNOWLEDGE THE TASKFORCE THAT HAS CONVENED AROUND OUR SMALL
19 BUSINESS INITIATIVE. WE INVITE EACH OF YOU TO JOIN US TO MAKE
20 THIS PROGRESS PROFOUND FOR THE COUNTY. AS WE MOVE FORWARD THIS
21 YEAR, WE ALSO WILL BE IMPLEMENTING THE HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE.
22 AND NEW TOOLS TO ADVANCE OUR LOCAL ECONOMY. TRULY, WHAT A NICE
23 DAY FOR THE COUNTY. WITH THAT, I WILL GO BACK TO RECOGNIZING
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. YOU HAVE IN FRONT
2 OF YOU A PROPOSED FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WHICH I HOPE WILL BE
3 ACCEPTED. IT WAS SIMPLY TO ADD A LITTLE MORE LANGUAGE IN TERMS
4 OF REPORT BACKS SO THAT WE HAVE A KIND OF EVALUATION OF HOW
5 THIS IS WORKING AND ALSO HOW IT'S IMPACTING BOTH THE COUNTY
6 AND OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. A LITTLE MORE TIME FOR THE FOUR-YEAR
7 ACTION PLAN TO BE PRESENTED, INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF THE
8 NUMBER OF VENDORS WHO ARE AVAILABLE BY INDUSTRY AND ALSO WHAT
9 THE COUNTY WILL NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO STAFF THIS. I THINK IT
10 WOULD BE GOOD FOR US TO HAVE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC
11 INFORMATION. WE ACTUALLY NEEDED TO ADD THE ACTUAL PERCENTAGES
12 IN THE MOTION LANGUAGE THAT YOU PRESENTED IN THE PREAMBLE. AND
13 ALSO ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS IS TO MAKE THE CERTIFICATION
14 PROCESS EASIER SO THAT SMALL BUSINESSES WILL KNOW HOW TO BE
15 CERTIFIED AS A SMALL BUSINESS IN ORDER TO BE IDENTIFIED AND
16 ALSO TO UNDERSTAND HOW EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS MIGHT BE
17 UTILIZING THEM AS A KIND OF A WAY, IN A WAY, OF LOOKING OVER
18 THEIR SHOULDER AND SEEING THAT THEY'RE DOING IT. FINALLY, THE
19 AMENDMENT ASKS US TO LOOK AT THE EFFICACY OF THE BID PRICE
20 REDUCTION BECAUSE WE'RE ACTUALLY PUTTING IN A PERCENTAGE OF
21 REDUCTION FOR THE SMALL BUSINESSES. AND WE WANT TO SEE HOW
22 THAT'S WORKING BOTH FOR THEM, WHETHER IT'S ENABLING THE KIND
23 OF PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES WE WANT TO. SO I PROPOSE THOSE MINOR
24 CHANGES AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND HOPE THEY MIGHT BE
25 ACCEPTED.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ACCEPTED.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I OBVIOUSLY IN PART OF THAT, AND TOTALLY
9 AGREE WITH WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE. I DO, AS WELL, HAVE A
10 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. AN EFFORT THAT WE MADE A FEW YEARS AGO TO
11 SORT OF DOUBLE DOWN ON THAT TO MAKE SURE ON THE CERTIFICATION
12 PROCESS WILL MOVE FORWARD. I UNDERSTAND EVERYONE'S OKAY WITH
13 THAT AMENDMENT, AS WELL. ON THE GREEN SHEET.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FINE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SO I WOULD SECOND THE MOTION.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. OKAY. MEMBERS, WE HAVE
20 SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS FROM THE AUDIENCE THAT WISH TO ALSO SPEAK
21 ON THIS ITEM. SO WE WILL CALL THEM UP ACCORDINGLY. JAN PERRY.
22 GENE HALE. MARK ROBERTSON. STEVEN TEMPLE. WELCOME AND GOOD
23 MORNING.

24

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1 **JAN PERRY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME IS JAN
2 PERRY. AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT I'M YOUR APPOINTEE TO THE
3 SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION. SO THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. I'M
4 ALSO HERE AS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE
5 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND I'M
6 HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE CITY AND ON BEHALF OF THE
7 MAYOR'S OFFICE TODAY ABOUT OUR EAGERNESS AND INTEREST TO
8 COLLABORATE WITH YOU AND TO BRING WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER TO THE
9 TABLE IN THE FORM OF OUR NINE BUSINESS SOURCE CENTERS, WHICH
10 WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RE-PURPOSING, RE-BIDDING AND HELPING
11 THEM DEVELOP A SECTOR FOCUS AND TO USE GREATER TECHNOLOGY TO
12 DO GREATER OUTREACH. TRADITIONALLY, THEY HAVE FOCUSED ON
13 ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, BUSINESSES THAT ARE
14 DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN PEOPLE'S RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES. SO OF
15 COURSE THIS IS THE GREATEST WAY TO TOUCH PEOPLE WHERE THEY
16 LIVE, TO HELP THEM ESTABLISH EMPOWERMENT WITHIN THEIR OWN
17 COMMUNITIES, TO BUILD EQUITY WITHIN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES AND
18 TO PUT PEOPLE BACK TO WORK. THE GREATEST CHALLENGE IN OUR
19 EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN TO TEACH SMALL BUSINESSES HOW TO DO
20 BUSINESS WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR OR WITH THE GOVERNMENT. SO
21 STREAMLINED CERTIFICATION POLICIES, A UNIVERSAL CERTIFICATION
22 WOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO US AND WE WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE
23 TO HELP YOU TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. AND TO BRING THE SUBS UP
24 THROUGH THE SUBCONTRACTOR PRIME RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE AS YOU
25 KNOW VERY WELL, SUBCONTRACTORS ARE THE AREA WHERE THE GREATER

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1 NUMBERS OF DIVERSITY IN WOMEN AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, TO BRING
2 THEM UP TO PRIME STATUS SO WE CAN AGAIN DIVERSIFY OUR POOL,
3 GENERATE MORE REVENUE NOT ONLY FOR OUR CITY AND COUNTY. AND
4 THEN LASTLY THE DEPARTMENT IS A RECIPIENT OF THE L.A. RISE
5 GRANT, WHICH IS A GRANT WHICH FOCUSES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
6 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE. SO I THINK WE BRING SIGNIFICANT EXPERIENCE
7 IN TERMS OF HELPING DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE, HOMELESS PEOPLE,
8 PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL CHALLENGES, VETERANS TO BE ABLE TO
9 COLLABORATE IN THAT MANNER, TOO, THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

12

13 **GENE HALE:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 SPEAK. MY NAME IS GENE HALE. I AM CHAIRMAN OF THE GREATER LOS
15 ANGELES AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ALSO A MEMBER OF
16 THE PRESIDENT'S EXPORT COUNCIL, WHOM I SAT WITH WITH SECRETARY
17 SOLIS AT THE TIME. THESE ARE ISSUES THAT WE TALKED ABOUT THEN.
18 ALSO WE'VE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
19 OVER THE LAST TWO, THREE YEARS REGARDING THIS. I THINK THAT
20 WHAT HAS HAPPENED HERE TODAY IS THAT L.A. COUNTY IS NOW IN THE
21 RACE WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTRY TO TRY TO BRING DIVERSITY
22 AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES TO SOME OF THESE DISADVANTAGED
23 COMMUNITIES. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS REALLY, REALLY
24 NEEDED. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY WOULD JUST LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE
25 VETERANS' PIECE. I THINK THAT THIS WILL GIVE OUR DISABLED

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1 VETERANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY GET OFF THE STREETS OF LOS
2 ANGELES AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY, TO GIVE THEM HOPE THAT THEY
3 CAN COME TO THE COUNTY AND DO BUSINESS, BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY
4 SERVICE DISABLED VETERANS I KNOW ARE WAITING FOR THE
5 OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS TO OPEN UP SO THEY CAN COME TO THIS TOWN
6 TO TRY TO DO BUSINESS. SO WE STAND READY TO SUPPORT THE
7 SUPERVISORS IN THEIR ENDEAVORS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, SO THANK
8 YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

11

12 **MARK ROBERTSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK ROBERTSON, I'M
13 PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
14 CORPORATION, ALSO KNOWN AS P.C.R., AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION. I COME IN
16 SUPPORT THIS MORNING OF ITEM NO. 7, THE MOTION TO ENHANCE
17 SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PURCHASING
18 AND CONTRACTING. HAVING WORKED AT P.C.R. NOW FOR SOME 24
19 YEARS, I'VE WITNESSED ENTREPRENEURS DESIRING TO TAKE THEIR
20 BUSINESSES TO THE, QUOTE, NEXT LEVEL, BUT FRUSTRATED BY WHAT
21 SEEMS TO BE A WEB OR MAZE ASSOCIATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT
22 CONTRACTING PROCESS. THEY KNOW THE OPPORTUNITIES EXIST, BUT
23 FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER SEEM TO BE LOCKED OUT. AS A MEMBER
24 OF THE COUNTY'S SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION, I AM PART OF A
25 GROUP CHARGED BY THIS BOARD TO ADVISE ON THE NEEDS OF SMALL

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1 BUSINESS AND HOW TO INCREASE SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CONTRACTING AND PURCHASING. TO THAT END,
3 THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS INCLUSION LEVELS OF 25 PERCENT AND 3
4 PERCENT RESPECTIVELY FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND DISABLED
5 VETERAN BUSINESSES. THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS STREAMLINED
6 PROCESSING FOR SMALLER CONTRACTS AND RECIPROCITY ACROSS THE
7 LINES OF SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION. THE COMMISSION FURTHER
8 SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO ADEQUATELY OUTREACH TO SMALL BUSINESSES TO
9 PROVIDE NEEDED TRANSPARENCY IN THE COUNTY'S BIDDING PROCESSES,
10 NEEDED INFORMATION ON COUNTY CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES, AND
11 NEEDED INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT
12 SERVICES. ALL OF THESE THINGS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROPOSED
13 BUDGET, WITH THE PROPOSED MOTION, WHICH IF SUCCESSFULLY
14 IMPLEMENTED, WOULD BE A MAJOR BOOST TO SMALL BUSINESSES, TO
15 THE CREATION OF JOBS, AND TO THE OVERALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I
16 STRONGLY URGE SUPPORT FOR ITEM NO. 7, AND I APPLAUD CHAIRWOMAN
17 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS ON THE WISDOM FOR PUTTING
18 THIS MOTION FORWARD. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.
21 BEFORE WE GO TO THE NEXT WITNESS, I WANT TO CALL OTHERS SO WE
22 CAN KEEP THIS MOVING, FLOWING. JOSE OSUNA. ARMEN ROSS. THERESA
23 MARTINEZ AND JESSICA DUBOFF. THANK YOU. YOU MAY PRESENT.

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1 **STEVEN TEMPLE:** HI, GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS STEVEN
2 TEMPLE AND I AM HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE ITEM NO. 7. I'VE BEEN
3 APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION IN 2012. AND EVER SINCE I'VE BEEN
4 APPOINTED THE TO THE COMMISSION, EVERYONE IN THE COMMISSION
5 HAS REALLY FOUGHT AND REALLY DIRECTED THIS EFFORT TO REALLY
6 IMPROVE AND INCREASE THIS GOAL OF 25 PERCENT FOR LOCAL SMALL
7 BUSINESSES AND 3 PERCENT FOR DISABLED. A LITTLE BIT OF MY
8 BACKGROUND. I RUN A BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMPANY. I'M A C.E.O.
9 FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS WITH A MASTER'S IN TAXATION. SO I WORK
10 WITH AND REALLY UNDERSTAND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND THE
11 ISSUES THAT ARE FACED. I MEAN, WE LOOK AT THIS COMMUNITY OF
12 SMALL BUSINESSES GENERATING 1.75 MILLION JOBS FOR THE PRIVATE
13 SECTOR. AND WE REALIZE THAT L.A-- SORRY. WE REALIZE THAT
14 CALIFORNIA REPRESENTS THE EIGHTH LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD.
15 WE THINK THAT THIS BILL WILL HELP IMPACT AND INCREASE THE
16 EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS DISTRICT AND FOR THIS COUNTY. AND I
17 STRONGLY URGE THAT THIS IS PASSED. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS?

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21 **JOSE OSUNA:** GOOD MORNING. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK
22 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
23 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND ALL THE WORK THE REST OF THE
24 BOARD HAS DONE ON THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS JOSE OSUNA. I'M
25 PROUD TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR HOMEBOY

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1 INDUSTRIES. AND I'M HERE REPRESENTING THAT ORGANIZATION AS
2 WELL AS FATHER GREGORY BOYLE, IN FULL SUPPORT OF ITEM NO. 7 ON
3 THE AGENDA TODAY. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE BELIEVE
4 THAT THIS WILL BRING MORE SUPPORT AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR
5 SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND SMALL BUSINESSES, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE
6 THAT ARE GOING TO TARGET AND HAVE CHOSEN TO TARGET THOSE
7 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HARDEST TO SERVE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF
8 LOS ANGELES, BOTH LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES AND THE RE-ENTRY
9 COMMUNITY, THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN FORMALLY INCARCERATED. WE
10 APPRECIATE THE TRANSPARENCY THAT THIS WILL BRING IN THE
11 CONTRACTING PROCESS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE
12 SOME INITIAL COST, THAT COST IS REALLY WORTH IT IN THE LONG
13 RUN BECAUSE OF THE INVESTMENT THAT THIS WILL BE PUTTING INTO A
14 COMMUNITY THAT DESPERATELY NEEDS THIS TYPE OF INVESTMENT, BOTH
15 BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. SO
16 WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND WE WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO
17 FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND BRING IT FORWARD AND PASS IT
18 TODAY. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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22 **THERESA MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING. AND THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR
23 AND HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
24 SPEAK ON A MATTER OF IMPORTANCE TO THE LATINO BUSINESS
25 COMMUNITY. AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE LOS ANGELES

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1 LATINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, I OFTEN HEAR FROM MEMBERS ON THE
2 STRUGGLES THEY HAVE HAD IN LEARNING ABOUT AND BIDDING FOR
3 COUNTY SERVICE CONTRACTS. DIVERSIFICATION IN THE VENDORS IN
4 WHICH THE COUNTY CONDUCTS BUSINESS NEED TO BE EXPANDED NOT
5 JUST AS A POLITICALLY CORRECT SOLUTION, BUT RATHER AS THE
6 MEANS TO SUPPORT ABLE AND TALENTED BUSINESSES THAT HAVE THE
7 ABILITY TO HELP THE COUNTY'S BOTTOM LINE WHILE BOOSTING THE
8 LOCAL ECONOMY. ESTABLISHING A FAIR AND EQUITABLE LOCAL
9 PREFERENCE POLICY THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT A BUSINESS'S ABILITY
10 AND SUSTAINABILITY IN DELIVERING GOODS AND SERVICES SHOULD BE
11 A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THE LOS ANGELES
12 LATINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS THE MOTION TO HAVE THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS TAKE THE LEAD ON
14 THE CERTIFICATION AND UTILIZATION ON PURCHASING AND
15 CONTRACTING EFFORTS BY THE COUNTY. FINALLY, THE L.A.L.C.C.
16 THANKS CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
17 THEIR WORK ON THIS ISSUE. AND WE ASK THE BOARD TO PASS THE
18 MOTION IN ORDER TO MEET ITS GOAL OF INCREASING SMALL BUSINESS
19 AWARDS BY 25 PERCENT WITHIN THE TIMELINE DESIGNATED IN THE
20 PROPOSED MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. COULD I JUST
23 REMIND THE WITNESSES TO STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD? THANK
24 YOU.

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1 **JESSICA DUBOFF:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JESSICA DUBOFF. I'M
2 VICE PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE
3 CHAMBER REPRESENTS OVER 1600 BUSINESSES OF ALL SIZES AS A
4 REGIONAL LEADER IN THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PROGRAMMING
5 AND ADVOCACY FOR SMALL BUSINESS. WE APPLAUD THE GOALS OF THIS
6 MISSION. MORE CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR LOCAL SMALL
7 AND DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IS A WIN/WIN FOR THE
8 COUNTY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
9 SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY AND THEIR
10 SUCCESS IS VITAL TO OUR REGION'S CONTINUED RECOVERY. TO THAT
11 END, WE SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
12 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
13 OF THIS PLAN, THE IDENTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENTAL ADVOCATES,
14 AND A VARIETY OF CERTIFICATION OPTIONS THAT WILL SIMPLIFY AND
15 STREAMLINE THE PROCESS BY WHICH A BUSINESS BECOMES AN L.A.
16 COUNTY CERTIFIED SMALL OR DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS. IN
17 THE COMING MONTHS, WE'D LIKE TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO WEIGH
18 IN ON THE REST OF THE POLICIES THAT WILL BE EXPLORED IN THE
19 REPORT BACK STUDIES. THERE ARE 5,100 SMALL BUSINESSES IN L.A.
20 COUNTY THAT ARE CERTIFIED WITH THE STATE, AND JUST SHY OF
21 1,300 OF THOSE ARE REGISTERED IN THE COUNTY'S LOCAL PROGRAM.
22 THAT UNDERSTANDING THE REASONS FOR THAT DISPARITY IS THE KEY
23 TO DEVELOPING A ROBUST PROGRAM THAT BENEFITS SMALL BUSINESS
24 WITHOUT DISADVANTAGING OTHER BUSINESSES AND POSITIVELY IMPACTS
25 THE COUNTY'S BOTTOM LINE. WE APPRECIATE THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

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1 TO INCREASE OUTREACH EFFORTS TO GET MORE SMALL BUSINESSES
2 CERTIFIED IN THE COUNTY AND WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE A
3 PARTNER IN SUCH A CAMPAIGN. THIS STEP, COMBINED WITH THE OTHER
4 IDEAS IN THIS MOTION, AS WELL AS AN ANALYSIS OF CONTRACT
5 LANGUAGE AND OTHER REASONS SMALL BUSINESSES ARE NOT LANDING
6 BIDS, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE YOU RAISE THE SMALL BUSINESS
7 CREDIT FROM 8 TO 15 PERCENT. THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-
8 THOMAS AND SOLIS FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO AND CREATIVE FOCUS ON
9 IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE FOR SMALL BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY.
10 THE CHAMBER LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS CONVERSATION.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE MOVE ONE WANT TO
14 CALL UP SOME MORE WITNESSES. IF I CAN HAVE RACHELLE ARIZMENDI,
15 WILLIAM ALLEN, ARNOLD SACHS, LINDA BERMUDEZ AND ERIC PREVEN.

16

17 **ARMEN ROSS:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ARMEN ROSS AND
18 I'M THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE CRENSHAW
19 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WE HAVE ABOUT 250 MEMBERS IN THE GREATER
20 CRENSHAW AREA. ABOUT 80 TO 85 PERCENT OF OUR MEMBERS ARE SMALL
21 BUSINESSES. AS YOU ALL KNOW, SMALL BUSINESSES ARE THE BACKBONE
22 OF OUR ECONOMY. WE'RE THE ONES WHO CREATE JOBS. I'M A SMALL
23 BUSINESS OWNER MYSELF. SMALL BUSINESSES NEED A BOOST IN THESE
24 TIMES. THESE TIMES WHERE LARGE EMPLOYERS ARE LEAVING THE LOS
25 ANGELES COUNTY AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR WHATEVER REASON.

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1 AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAD THOSE JOBS ARE NOW LOOKING TO
2 SMALL BUSINESSES FOR EMPLOYMENT. THEY ARE ALSO CREATING
3 ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEMSELVES THAT REQUIRE MORE
4 THAN ONE INDIVIDUAL. THE COUNTY, AS YOU ALL KNOW, HAS BILLIONS
5 OF DOLLARS IN CONTRACTS, AND THEY LEND BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO
6 SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES EVERY YEAR. BUT WE FIND
7 OURSELVES AT A DISADVANTAGE. WE FIND OURSELVES AT A
8 DISADVANTAGE WITH THE PROCESS, WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS,
9 WITH THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS. THAT PROCESS NEEDS TO BE
10 SIMPLIFIED, AND WE FEEL THAT THIS MOTION HAS BEEN PUT FORTH
11 TODAY WILL SIMPLIFY THAT PROCESS AND GET MORE SMALL MINORITY
12 BUSINESSES INTO THE BIDDING PROCESS. WHAT HAPPENS A LOT OF
13 TIMES IS THAT YOU GET CERTIFIED. YOU NEVER GET A CALL. YOU GET
14 CERTIFIED. YOU GET A CALL TWO DAYS BEFORE THE R.F.P. IS DUE
15 AND YOU'RE SCRAMBLING TO TRY AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION
16 INFORMATION. OR YOU MIGHT BE THAT 1 PERCENT OR 2 PERCENT THAT
17 ACTUALLY RECEIVES A CONTRACT. WE'D LIKE TO SEE THAT CHANGED.
18 WE'D LIKE TO SEE A FAIR, SIMPLIFIED, INCLUSIVE PROCESS FOR
19 SMALLER MINORITY BUSINESSES AND LOCAL BUSINESSES TO
20 PARTICIPATE WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU VERY
21 MUCH.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
24 PLEASE.

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1 **RACHELLE ARIZMENDI:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO
2 MUCH FOR HAVING ME TODAY AND GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO
3 SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT AGENDA ITEM 7. MY NAME IS RACHELLE
4 ARIZMENDI, VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER FOR
5 P.A.C.E. I'M HERE REPRESENTING CARRIE DOY, OUR PRESIDENT AND
6 C.E.O. OF P.A.C.E., WHO ALSO SERVES ON THE SMALL BUSINESS
7 COMMISSION. P.A.C.E. IS A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
8 CORPORATION THAT HAS WORKED WITH LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES
9 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS. FIRST WE WANT TO
10 COMMEND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND HILDA SOLIS FOR
11 MAKING THIS MOTION AND WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.
12 WE BELIEVE THIS MOTION IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN FOSTERING
13 INCREASED PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE
14 COUNTY'S PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO
15 NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IN OUR EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD, THAT A
16 SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF THE 200,000 SMALL BUSINESSES IN L.A.
17 COUNTY ARE NOT WHAT WE CALL PROCUREMENT-READY AND LACK ACCESS
18 TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO BID AND SUCCESSFULLY
19 COMPETE WITH CONTRACTS IN THE COUNTY. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND
20 THAT THE COUNTY CONSIDER ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS AND PROVIDE
21 OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE AND
22 THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO BECOME PROCUREMENT-READY. IN ORDER FOR
23 SMALL BUSINESSES TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS PROCESS, THEY NEED
24 THREE THINGS. ONE IS THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. TWO IS THE
25 FOLLOW UP ASSISTANCE ONCE THEY ARE CERTIFIED, AND THIRD IS

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1 ACCESS TO CAPITAL, WHICH WILL HELP ENSURE THAT SMALL
2 BUSINESSES HAVE ENOUGH LIQUIDITY TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE
3 CONTRACT AND REMAIN OPERATIONAL UNTIL THE PAYMENT IS REMITTED.
4 SINCE 1992, P.A.C.E. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER HAS STRIVED
5 TO PROMOTE THE TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE IN WHAT WE THINK IS PROFIT,
6 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY. FOR
7 OVER 20 YEARS, P.A.C.E HAS PROVIDED TRAINING FOR ALMOST 30,000
8 ENTREPRENEURS WHO HAVE STARTED AND EXPANDED OVER 10,000
9 BUSINESSES AND CREATED AND RETAINED ALMOST 16,000 JOBS.
10 P.A.C.E. IS ALSO A LOAN FUND THAT HAS CREATED OVER 118 LOANS
11 FOR ALMOST \$3 MILLION FOR LOW INCOME ETHNIC AND MINORITY
12 BORROWERS IN L.A. COUNTY, AND AGAIN WE SUPPORT THE AGENDA ITEM
13 NO. 7.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **WILLIAM ALLEN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND HONORABLE
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS BILL ALLEN I SERVE AS THE C.E.O. OF
19 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. AND
20 ON BEHALF OF THE L.A.E.D.C., I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE
21 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF AGENDA ITEM 7, TODAY'S MOTION
22 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND CHAIR SOLIS TO PROVIDE GREATER
23 SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES
24 THROUGH STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES NEEDED BY
25 THE COUNTY. THE BROAD CONCEPT OF MORE STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT,

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1 WHICH IS NOTED IN THE MOTION, HAS BEEN IN DEVELOPMENT AND
2 REFINED BY THE BOARD AND STAFF OF THE COUNTY FOR MANY MONTHS,
3 WAS WIDELY ENDORSED BY HUNDREDS OF CIVIC STAKEHOLDERS FROM
4 BUSINESS, LABOR, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, THE ENVIRONMENT,
5 PHILANTHROPY AND FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
6 DURING THEIR PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE NEW COUNTY-WIDE
7 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH THIS BOARD
8 SUPPORTED WITH ANOTHER MUCH APPRECIATED MOTION JUST LAST WEEK,
9 AND IT IS INCLUDED IN THAT CONSENSUS PLAN. TODAY'S MOTION
10 ADDRESSES THE MANY BENEFITS OF ENABLING MORE LOCAL SMALL
11 BUSINESSES, DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND SOCIAL
12 ENTERPRISES TO BETTER COMPETE FOR THE PROCUREMENT
13 OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO
14 GROW SUCH ENTERPRISES AND THEIR ABILITY TO HIRE DISADVANTAGED
15 WORKERS AND TO ACHIEVE IMPORTANT SOCIAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND
16 ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS ALONG WITH OUR REGIONAL ECONOMIC
17 DEVELOPMENT GOALS. THIS MOTION IS ANOTHER ENCOURAGING STEP IN
18 A SERIES OF ENLIGHTENED MOTIONS FROM THIS BOARD, EVIDENCING A
19 CLEAR COMMITMENT TO INCREASING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND
20 OPPORTUNITY, TO REDUCING INCOME INEQUALITY AND TO RAISING
21 STANDARDS OF LIVING FOR ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS. AS SUCH, IT HAS
22 THE SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE ANOTHER WITNESS
2 THAT I WANT TO CALL UP, AS WELL. JONATHAN KLEIN? ARNOLD SACHS,
3 YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND
6 I WOULD ASK THAT YOU TAKE A MOMENT TO SING KUMBAYA, BUT WE
7 REALLY DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOU SING. YOU NEED TO HAVE A MOTION
8 TO DO THIS. I'M THINKING, YOU KNOW THE 2008 RECESSION, WHEN
9 THAT WAS OCCURRING, THE COUNTY WAS SO FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE,
10 WHAT HAPPENED TO INVOLVING SMALL BUSINESS THEN? MR. RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS MENTIONED 1998, THE BOLD-STEP INITIATIVE. ITEM 3-A IN
12 THIS MOTION MENTIONS, IT WANTS TO FIND OUT THE STATE'S
13 DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS. 1998 AND NOW YOU'RE JUST FINDING
14 OUT WHAT THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS IS?
15 SOMETHING'S MISSING HERE. HOW ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
16 COORDINATING COMMITTEE? YOU HAVE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING
17 COORDINATING COMMITTEE? YOU DON'T HAVE ANY AFFORDABLE HOUSING
18 IN L.A. COUNTY ANYMORE. WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO COMMITTEE ON?
19 THERE IS AN ACTION PLAN INVOLVED. SO I'M THINKING COMMUNITY
20 DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMMING. THAT HAD AN ACTION
21 COMMITTEE. THE ACTION COMMITTEE NEVER SPENT THE MONEY.
22 EXCELLENCE IN LOCAL BUSINESS ONLY OUTSHINED BY EXCELLENCE IN
23 LOCAL GOVERNMENT. YOU KNOW, BACK IN 2010 I THINK IT WAS, THE
24 CITY HAD A SMALL BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAM. WHATEVER
25 HAPPENED TO THAT? WHY DIDN'T YOU GET INVOLVED IN THAT? WE HEAR

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1 ABOUT FUNDING. YOU KNOW, IF THERE'S A SMALL BUSINESS THAT HAS
2 TWO PEOPLE, BASED ON YOUR MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE, IF THEY HAVE
3 TWO PEOPLE MAKING \$10 AN HOUR NOW, IN FOUR YEARS OR FIVE YEARS
4 THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR THREE PEOPLE \$15. IF THEY
5 HAVE FOUR PEOPLE, THEY HAVE TO HAVE-- IT WILL BE LIKE HAVING
6 SIX PEOPLE. IT'S NOT LIKE THE GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT CAN
7 HAVE FUNDED UNFILLED POSITIONS. SMALL BUSINESS WILL HAVE
8 UNFILLED, UNFUNDED POSITIONS. WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GET THAT
9 EXTRA \$10, \$15 AN HOUR, \$30 IF IT COMES TO TWO PEOPLE? WHERE
10 ARE THEY GOING GET THAT FROM? DO YOU HAVE AN INITIATIVE FOR
11 THAT?

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

14

15 **LINDA BERMUDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, I'M LINDA BERMUDEZ WITH BIZFED,
16 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION, A GRASS-ROOT
17 ALLIANCE OF OVER 150 TOP BUSINESS GROUPS, REPRESENTING 275,000
18 EMPLOYERS AND 3 MILLION EMPLOYEES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. WE
19 HOPE THAT YOU AGREE THAT THIS MOTION IS A VITAL STEP TOWARDS
20 THE COUNTY'S GOAL OF INCREASING MINORITY AND VETERAN
21 PROCUREMENT. THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESS WILL HELP
22 CREATE JOB GROWTH AND INCREASE THE TAX BASE. CURRENTLY LESS
23 THAN 2 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY'S ANNUAL \$6 BILLION IN CONTRACTS
24 GO TO SMALL BUSINESSES. MEETING THE 25 PERCENT GOAL WOULD
25 STRENGTHEN OUR REGIONAL ECONOMY AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR

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1 SMALL BUSINESSES WHOSE COMMUNITY BENEFIT TRANSCENDS ECONOMICS
2 BY PROVIDING A MEASURABLE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC
3 HEALTH IMPACT ACROSS THE REGION. WE URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT
4 THIS MOTION. BIZFED LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING A STRONG
5 RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNTY STAFF TO PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OF SMALL
6 BUSINESS INITIATIVES SUCH AS THIS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

9

10 **JONATHAN KLEIN:** HI, RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN, CLERGY AND LAITY
11 UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. WE JUST WANT TO BE PUT ON RECORD
12 AS SUPPORTING THIS POSITION BECAUSE OF COURSE WE BELIEVE IN
13 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL COMMUNITIES, ALL FORMS OF
14 DIVERSITY INCLUDING THE DISABLED COMMUNITY. AND I REALLY
15 APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THIS COUNTY BOARD TO ACTUALLY PUT THOSE
16 PRINCIPLES INTO ACTION. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE HAVE ONE MORE
19 WITNESS, CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ? IS CLAUDIA HERE? MISS HERNANDEZ?
20 OKAY. SHE'S COMING DOWN.

21

22 **CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS.
23 MY NAME IS CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ. UNFORTUNATELY, EPHRON MARTINEZ,
24 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE, WALNUT PARK
25 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS OUT OF TOWN BUT WANTED ME TO READ HIS

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1 MESSAGE. I COME TODAY REPRESENTING OUR MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 2200
2 SMALL BUSINESSES LOCATED WITHIN FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AND WALNUT
3 PARK COMMUNITIES IN THE UNINCORPORATED PART OF THE COUNTY. WE
4 ARE HERE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE
5 OF PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS AWARDED TO LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES IN
6 OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. OUR SMALL BUSINESSES SUPPORT THE
7 RECENT COUNTY MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE AS IT HAS BEEN LONG
8 OVERDUE, BUT SUCH ACTIONS WILL AFFECT THE UNINCORPORATED
9 COMMUNITIES AND NOT OTHER CITIES AND THEREFORE CREATES AN
10 UNLEVELED PLAYING FIELD. THAT IS WHY WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT
11 AND TO PROVIDE OUR SMALL BUSINESSES WITH THE TOOLS AND
12 RESOURCES TO NOT ONLY PAY THE NEW MINIMUM WAGE BUT, RATHER,
13 PAY MUCH HEALTHIER AND FAIR WAGE. OUR CHAMBER AND ITS
14 MEMBERSHIP TRULY BELIEVES THAT BY INCREASING WHAT IT SPENDS IN
15 OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND BY MAKING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS
16 LESS COMPLEX WHERE THEY WOULDN'T NEED AN ATTORNEY TO FILL OUT
17 THE APPLICATION OR TO GO THROUGH ITS PROCESS, IT WOULD BE
18 PROVIDING SUCH TOOLS. ONCE AGAIN, WE HUMBL Y ASK FOR YOUR
19 SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE ONE MORE
22 WITNESS. KABIRA STOKES.

23

24 **KABIRA STOKES:** HI, GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
25 KABIRA STOKES, I'M THE FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF ISADORA

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1 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING. WE ARE A SMALL BUSINESS. WE'RE A SOCIAL
2 ENTERPRISE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE'RE A FULL-SERVICE
3 ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND DATA DESTRUCTION COMPANY AND WE
4 FOCUS ON HIRING PEOPLE WHO FACE SEVERE BARRIERS TO WORK,
5 SPECIFICALLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME OUT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
6 SYSTEM. SO I COME TODAY AS A SMALL BUSINESS AND SOCIAL
7 ENTERPRISE. I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP OF
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE ENTIRE
9 BOARD FOR EVEN LOOKING AT THIS. OWNING A SMALL BUSINESS IS
10 VERY HARD. RUNNING A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE IS ALSO VERY HARD. SO
11 TO EVEN HAVE THE RECOGNITION THAT THIS IS SOMETHING TO BE
12 LOOKED AT, THAT SOCIAL ENTERPRISES EXIST AND WE DO EXIST BOTH
13 TO PROVIDE SERVICES BUT ALSO TO BETTER SOCIETY, BETTER THE
14 ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT GOVERNMENT IS THERE FOR, AS
15 WELL. SO TO BE ABLE TO ALIGN WITH THE GOALS THE GOVERNMENT
16 HAS, TO LOOK TO SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND SMALL BUSINESSES THAT
17 ARE GROWING JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ALSO LOOKING TO ADVANCE
18 THESE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL GOALS, IT MEANS A LOT. AND IT'S
19 A REAL GOOD STEP FORWARD IN TERMS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THESE
20 SORTS OF BUSINESSES TO GROW. SO THIS IS EXCELLENT. IT'S VERY
21 ENCOURAGING TO US THAT ARE OUT THERE DOING THIS WORK. AND I
22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I FULLY SUPPORT IT.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK WE'VE HEARD FROM A
2 SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS OF THIS MOTION FROM THOSE WHO
3 REPRESENT ASSOCIATIONS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, L.A.E.D.C., THE
4 PRACTITIONERS THEMSELVES, THAT IS TO SAY THE SMALL BUSINESS
5 ENTERPRISES AND THE ASSOCIATIONS OF WHICH THEY ARE A PART FROM
6 A RANGE OF COMMUNITIES, ETHNICALLY DEFINED AND BEYOND. WE'VE
7 HEARD FROM THOSE WHO ARE VETERANS. THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO
8 BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION OR THE PLATFORM THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES HAS ALREADY SET IN PLACE. WE TAKE IT TO A NEW LEVEL
10 WITH THIS ACTION TODAY. I THEREFORE MOVE ITEM 7 AS AMENDED BY
11 SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND KNABE AND EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR
12 YOUR COLLABORATION IN THIS PURSUIT, MADAME CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO JUST WANT TO ADD, I WANT TO
15 THANK THE INDIVIDUALS THAT CAME FORWARD, THE STAKEHOLDERS AS
16 WELL, AND OUR STAFFS AGAIN FOR WORKING SO HARD. THIS HAS BEEN
17 A DREAM FOR MANY OF US FOR MANY YEARS, BUT TO SEE IT NOW AT
18 LEAST INITIALLY PLANNED OUT IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY THAT REALLY
19 TOUCHES SO MANY LIVES AND IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
20 PEOPLE TO COME AND HOPEFULLY ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO MAKE THEIR
21 BUSINESS STOP RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO IT HAS BEEN
22 MOVED AS AMENDED. AND THERE'S NO OBJECTION. MOVED BY
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION. CONGRATULATIONS.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ON ITEM
3 NO. 23, THE ACTING PROBATION OFFICER IS REQUESTING THAT IT BE
4 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 25, 2016.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT SHALL BE ORDERED. SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BRING UP ITEM NO. 5 AT THIS
8 TIME?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME MOVE THIS AMENDMENT SUBSTITUTE MOTION.
11 WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A PILOT
13 PROJECT WITH COALITION FOR PETS AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROVIDING
14 LOW- COST SPAY AND NEUTER SERVICES IN HARD-TO-REACH AREAS OF
15 THE COUNTY FOR A MAXIMUM OF ONE YEAR PERIOD WITH REPORT BACK
16 TO THE BOARD AS TO THAT PILOT PROJECT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE THE AMENDMENT BEFORE
19 US. WE HAVE TWO WITNESSES THAT WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.
20 ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. AND
23 WHILE YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL AGENCY,
24 AGAIN ANOTHER UPDATE ON REPORT FROM A.E.COM REGARDING THE
25 FACILITIES, THE COUNTY FACILITIES FOR TAKING IN STRAY ANIMALS?

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1 THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE COMING UP. IT WAS A THREE-YEAR REPORT.
2 YOU ALREADY TOOK SOME ACTION BASED ON DETERIORATING CONDITIONS
3 ABOUT PARKING LOTS, MAKING THEM ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE. BUT WE
4 ARE STILL WAITING ON THAT REPORT ON THE ACTUAL CONDITION OF
5 THE ANIMAL FACILITIES. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT?

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE
9 ORDER. MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO ITEM 10, THAT'S
10 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 10, COULD WE HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
13 WORKS?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COULD WE HAVE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
16 WORKS COME FORWARD? GAIL FARBER. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I NEVER RECEIVED THE CHRONOLOGICAL
19 COMMUNICATION THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAD WITH THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR
20 EAST PRIOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ISSUING AN
21 EMERGENCY ORDER TO DO SOME WORK THAT WAS DETERMINED BY PUBLIC
22 WORKS TO BE REQUIRED. AND THE QUESTION WAS: WHAT WAS THE
23 COMMUNICATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ALAMEDA CORRIDOR WHO HAD
24 NOTIFIED US THAT HE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THE INFORMATION UNTIL

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1 NEW YEAR'S EVE, SO THERE WAS NOT DIALOGUE WITH THE DEPARTMENT
2 TO HAVE THIS ISSUE RESOLVED?

3

4 **GAIL FARBER:** CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH
5 MARK CHRISTOFFELS WITH ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST. WE HAVE
6 DEVELOPED THE TIMELINE. WE HAVE A MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THIS
7 THURSDAY, AT WHICH TIME WE WERE TO-- WE HAD PLANNED TO REVIEW
8 THAT AND RESOLVE THE MATTER AS WELL AS PROVIDE YOU WITH THAT
9 DATA. BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY PROVIDE THAT TO YOU TODAY, IF YOU'D
10 LIKE THAT SOONER.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT
13 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD
14 SACHS.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. THIS
17 IS ITEM 10 ABOUT AGENDIZING WEATHER-RELATED AND NATURAL
18 DISASTER EVENTS. I DON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING WAS EVER DISCUSSED
19 ABOUT ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU JUST TALKED
20 ABOUT?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT WAS DISCUSSED.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I THOUGHT IT WAS ALISO CANYON LAST WEEK. SHE
25 CAME UP HERE AND TALKED ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED AT ALISO

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1 CANYON. BECAUSE THAT WASN'T AGENDIZED AS ALAMEDA CORRIDOR
2 EAST.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU WEREN'T LISTENING LAST WEEK.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I WAS LISTENING.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GO BACK AND READ THE AGENDA, THE MINUTES.

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I WAS LISTENING. I'M READING THIS. THAT DOESN'T
11 SAY ANYTHING-- WOULD THAT INCLUDE A.M.B. HOMELESS PLANS?
12 BECAUSE THAT'S A WEATHER-RELATED ACTIVITY. HOW ABOUT EXIDE?
13 WOULD THAT INCLUDE ANY PLANS FOR EXIDE? WE HEAR EVERY WEEK,
14 EVERY DAY YOU PICK UP THE NEWSPAPER SOMETHING HAPPENING WITH
15 ALISO CANYON. AND BY THE WAY, WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER AREAS IN
16 L.A. COUNTY THAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS USES AS GAS STORAGE?
17 I BELIEVE IN ONE OF THE STORIES THEY MENTIONED, THEY GOT FOUR
18 FACILITIES, INCLUDING PLAYA DEL REY. DO WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON
19 ANY OF THOSE FACILITIES? WOULD THAT BE INCLUDED IN ANY OF THE
20 COUNTY'S MAGNANIMOUS GAS BAGGING? COULD WE HEAR ANY UPDATE ON
21 THAT? I'M JUST WONDERING. AND BACK TO THIS ALISO CANYON
22 FIASCO, THIS IS A NATURAL DISASTER. PEOPLE'S HOMES ARE GOING
23 TO BE DEVALUED BECAUSE OF THIS. YOU JUST TRY BUYING A HOME OR
24 SELLING YOUR HOME IN PORTER RANCH? I'M THINKING YOUR VALUES,
25 YOUR HOME VALUES ARE GOING TO PLUMMET BECAUSE IT SITS ON THIS

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1 NATURAL GAS FACILITY. SO IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT
2 THESE OTHER FACILITIES. REALLY. I'D LIKE TO GET SOME ANSWERS
3 ON SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS, TOO.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. THAT IS
6 ITEM NO. 10. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE PART OF
7 THE BOARD PERTAINING TO ITEM NO. 10? SEEING NONE, WE NOTE THAT
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. IT IS PROPERLY SECONDED BY
9 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND WE'LL MOVE THE MOTION FORWARD WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

11

12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** NEXT WE HAVE ITEM P-
13 1 AND ITEM NO. 8.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THIS IS AN ITEM THAT WE SEEK TO
16 ADDRESS BASED ON A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS. I'LL
17 BEGIN WHEN THE CHAIR RETURNS TO OFFER HER COMMENTS, AT WHICH
18 TIME WE'LL TAKE UP THE SPEAKER LIST. I'M TOLD BY THE EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICE THERE ARE 35 PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD ON THIS.
20 MADAME CHAIR, THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME IN THE MAKING, AND I
21 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR
22 KUEHL AND THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD. THIS IS THE RESULT OF AN
23 ACCUMULATION OF SMALL STEPS TAKEN TO REACH AN ULTIMATE GOAL.
24 AND THAT GOAL IS CONSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY POLICING
25 PRACTICES THAT SQUARE WITH THE BEST PRACTICES IN THE 21ST

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1 CENTURY. I THINK I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
2 WORKING GROUP FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND
3 LEADERSHIP IN DRIVING THIS AGENDA FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK THE
4 COUNTY COUNSEL FOR CONVENING THE WORKING GROUP AND REPORTING
5 BACK WITH PROPOSED ORDINANCE LANGUAGE, FOR EACH OFFERED AN
6 OPPORTUNITY FOR A STRUCTURED COMMISSION THAT COULD BE
7 IMPLEMENTED. IN ADDITION, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO
8 PARTICIPATED IN THE TOWN HALL DISCUSSIONS, THEIR FEEDBACK,
9 THEIR THOUGHTS, THEIR INTERESTS, THEIR COMMITMENT IN ADVANCING
10 CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. IT'S HARDLY AN INSIGNIFICANT
11 UNDERTAKING. IT'S HUGEY IMPORTANT. I THINK IT'S WELL SETTLED
12 THAT THE BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT
13 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO REVIEW, TO STUDY, REPORT AND TAKE
14 RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE OPERATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE CALIFORNIA STATE CONSTITUTION
16 PRESCRIBES THAT THE SCOPE OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS, AND IT MAKES CLEAR WHAT THE LEVEL OF
18 COLLABORATION CAN AND SHOULD BE IN THE CREATION OF THE
19 COMMISSION WHICH IS BEFORE US TODAY. I THINK IT'S VERY
20 IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE AN IMPERATIVE TO PUSH
21 FORWARD WITH AN AGENDA THAT CAUSES US TO BE SQUARELY IN LINE
22 WITH CONTEMPORARY, CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING PRACTICES IN OUR
23 COMMUNITIES, ON PATROL, IN THE JAIL SETTINGS AND BEYOND.
24 THAT'S WHAT OUR GOAL IS. STRUCTURAL REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY
25 MECHANISMS ARE REQUIRED BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY TO RESTORE

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1 PUBLIC TRUST, PUBLIC CONFIDENCE. THAT'S WHAT IS NEEDED. AND WE
2 SEEK TO EMBRACE THAT. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT
3 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT ENTITY IS WELL OVERDUE. AND I'M PLEASED
4 TODAY THAT WE'RE AT THE POINT OF CAUSING SUCH TO HAPPEN. IT'S
5 BEEN A LONG TIME COMING. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THOSE WHO HAVE
6 HAD THEIR ROLE IN THIS EFFORT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY
7 ACKNOWLEDGED. AND IT'S MY INTENT TO DO SO THROUGHOUT THE
8 BALANCE OF THE CONVERSATION AND DISCUSSION AS WE SEEK TO
9 DISPOSE OF THE MATTER AT HAND. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME
10 CHAIR. AND I TRUST THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SPEAKERS
11 AND THE LIKE.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I, TOO, WANT TO ADD MY
14 OPINIONS AS WELL AS MY CONCERNS MOVING FORWARD. BUT FIRST OF
15 ALL I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BEING SO
16 TENACIOUS AND FOR ALLOWING ME TO ALSO CO-AUTHOR THIS MEASURE
17 WITH HIM. PERSONALLY AND PUBLICLY HE'S BEEN FIGHTING ON THIS
18 ISSUE FOR A LONG TIME, LONG BEFORE I GOT HERE. BUT I KNOW HOW
19 IMPORTANT IT IS THAT OUR STAFFS WORK TOGETHER, AND I WANT TO
20 COMMEND OUR STAFFS FOR DOING THAT, SPENDING A LOT OF TIME AND
21 ENERGY, COUNTLESS HOURS TO GO OVER POINT BY POINT. AND ALSO
22 WITH THE INPUT OF OUR COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. AS YOU KNOW
23 ACROSS THE COUNTRY TODAY, WE'RE SEEING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE
24 PUBLIC IN TERMS OF TRUST WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. I DON'T THINK
25 ANY OF YOU OR I WOULD NOT TAKE A MOMENT TO SEE THAT ACROSS OUR

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1 LOCAL MEDIA, OUR T.V. STATIONS, ON THE RADIO, WE HEAR THAT
2 THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON WITH RESPECT TO TRUST AND SUPPORT
3 FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND IT'S SAD TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT IN
4 LOS ANGELES. BUT HERE WE HAVE A CHANCE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO
5 FIX THAT. AND WHILE THIS IS A START, I WANT TO UNDERSCORE THAT
6 IT IS A START. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, AS YOU KNOW, IS A KEY
7 ELEMENT TO FAIR, COMPASSIONATE, AND EFFECTIVE 21ST CENTURY
8 POLICING. IT MAKES SENSE FOR SO MANY DIFFERENT REASONS AND IN
9 SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS FOR ALL OF US. IT IS A PROVEN BEST
10 PRACTICE FOR BUILDING TRUST, RESTORING THAT TRUST IN LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT. AND IT ALSO IS A MATTER OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY.
12 THE BOTTOM LINE, FOLKS, IS: WE'LL SAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
13 THAT CAN BE PUT TO USE PROVIDING FOR CRIME PREVENTION, HUMAN
14 SERVICES, BETTER ROADS, BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE, MORE AFFORDABLE
15 HOUSING, MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OTHER WAYS INSTEAD OF
16 SPENDING NEEDLESS AMOUNT OF MONEY ON LAWSUITS. WE MAY NOT ALL
17 AGREE ON EVERYTHING REGARDING THIS MOTION, BUT WHAT IS MOST
18 IMPORTANT TO ME IS THAT TODAY WE'RE TAKING ACTION AND WE'RE
19 MOVING FORWARD. WE'RE MOVING THE BALL, SO TO SPEAK. AND WE ARE
20 MAKING A REAL AND SIGNIFICANT EFFORT. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT
21 THAT IS PROGRESS FOR THIS BOARD. THE MOTION ENACTS CIVILIAN
22 OVERSIGHT INTO LAW, AND IT CALLS FOR THE COMMISSION TO BE
23 ROBUSTLY FUNDED. AND I AM PROUD TO INTRODUCE THIS MOTION,
24 AGAIN AS STATED, ALONGSIDE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND WITH
25 THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE BOARD OFFICES BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT

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1 TAKES. I DO WANT TO MENTION, THOUGH, THAT THE MOTION DOES NOT
2 SAY NO TO SUBPOENA POWER. IT SIMPLY DEFERS THE QUESTION. IT IS
3 RESPONSIBLE FOR US TO GIVE OURSELVES TIME TO ADEQUATELY
4 EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.
5 MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. IF THE M.O.A. DOES NOT ENABLE
6 MAXIMUM TRANSPARENCY, WE WILL RE-VISIT THE QUESTION. I AGREE
7 WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REGARDING THE ISSUE OF LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT ELIGIBILITY. ONCE AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETIRES,
9 USUALLY THEY RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE. THE PROCESS THAT WE
10 PROPOSED DOES NOT EXCLUDE ANY CATEGORY OF PEOPLE. IT ALLOWS
11 FOR INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT OF EVERY PROSPECTIVE
12 COMMISSIONER. IS THE SELECTION PROCESS TOO CUMBERSOME? FOR ME
13 THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE SELECTION PROCESS, IN MY
14 VIEW, IS THAT IT IS A MEANINGFUL ROLE AND IT DOES GIVE
15 COMMUNITY A CHANCE TO HAVE THEIR OPINIONS HEARD. THAT IS,
16 COMMUNITY ADVOCATES WILL HAVE A VOICE. IT ALSO GIVES
17 SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT TO DIVERSITY. AND I'M CERTAIN THAT THIS
18 PROCESS IS GOING TO YIELD THE RIGHT COMMISSIONERS TO UNDERTAKE
19 THIS VERY DIFFICULT JOB. AND IF IT DOESN'T, WELL, FOLKS, WE
20 HAVE THE RIGHT TO COME BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD BECAUSE, AS I
21 SAID EARLIER, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S A MOVING THE BALL
22 FORWARD. AND WE KNOW THAT WE NEED THE COMMUNITY, OUR
23 STAKEHOLDERS, OUR DEPARTMENTS, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EVERYONE AT
24 THE TABLE. THIS IS GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US WORKING TOGETHER.
25 WE MAY NOT GET IT EXACTLY RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT, BUT THAT'S NOT

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1 TO SAY THAT WE'RE NOT WILLING TO FIGHT TO MAKE IT BETTER. SO
2 WITH THAT, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR
3 KUEHL.

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5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. JUST VERY BRIEFLY.
6 I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE THIS MOTION BROUGHT BEFORE US TODAY.
7 IT'S BEEN A LONG ROAD. THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO
8 HAVE INDICATED THEY WISH WE HAD DONE THIS MORE QUICKLY. SOME
9 PEOPLE ARE NOW ASKING US TO DO THIS LESS QUICKLY. SO IT'S SORT
10 OF LIKE WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT BECAUSE WE'RE
11 PLEASING ALMOST NO ONE. I LIKE THIS MOTION BECAUSE UNLIKE A
12 NUMBER OF OPINIONS STATED ABOUT IT, I BELIEVE IT GIVES GREAT
13 INDEPENDENCE TO THIS COMMISSION. THE ISSUE OF APPOINTMENT IS
14 ONE THAT I THINK HAS BEEN VERY THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED. AND MY
15 PREDECESSOR, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, SAID THAT "HAVING FIVE PEOPLE
16 RUN SOMETHING THE SIZE OF OHIO IS A TERRIBLE FORM OF
17 GOVERNMENT UNLESS YOU'RE ONE OF THE FIVE." AND I'M FINDING
18 THAT THAT'S ACTUALLY TRUE. BUT I FEEL AS THOUGH WE WERE VESTED
19 WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY OF MAKING THIS WORK AND MAKING
20 THIS AS INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE. NO ONE FEELS IF WE APPOINT
21 THAT IT'S TOTALLY INDEPENDENT. BUT I DO. BECAUSE I KNOW THAT
22 THIS ENTIRE BOARD WANTS THERE TO BE A STRONG, INDEPENDENT,
23 OBNOXIOUS VOICE, REALLY, FOR THE COMMUNITY, A CIVILIAN
24 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I STAND ALONE, I BELIEVE, IN NOT
25 AGREEING THAT IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE FORMER SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPUTIES ON THIS COMMISSION. BUT I STAND ALONE. AND THE
2 QUESTION, THEN, IS: WHEN YOU HAVE A HUGE MOTION THAT'S VERY
3 IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY AND YOU DISAGREE WITH ONE POINT OR
4 EVEN TWO OR THREE, SHOULD YOU THEN CAST A NO VOTE? AND I'VE
5 DECIDED THAT THAT WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTATIVE OF MY VIEWS. I
6 WANT THIS COMMISSION. I WANT IT TO BE STRONG. I WANT US TO
7 MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT'S STRONG. AND I WANT US TO NEVER BACK
8 AWAY FROM ANY OF THE INVESTIGATIONS. FINALLY ON THE ISSUE OF
9 SUBPOENA POWER, I LIKE THE APPROACH TAKEN. BUT I ALSO LIKE THE
10 FACT THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. AS I
11 SAID A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN WE ADOPTED IT, I BELIEVE IT GIVES US
12 MORE INFORMATION THAN WE MIGHT GET IF SUBPOENAS ARE RESISTED.
13 BECAUSE THE COURT IS VERY PROTECTIVE UNDER THE OFFICERS' BILL
14 OF RIGHTS. SO I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE THIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO
15 THE 100,000 PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO TESTIFY BECAUSE THE
16 COMMUNITY'S BEEN DEEPLY ENGAGED IN THIS. AND I'M REALLY,
17 REALLY GLAD THAT THEY ARE. SO THANK YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING THIS
18 MOTION. MY THANKS TO THE WHOLE BOARD, REALLY, FOR HELPING TO
19 SHAPE IT. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD WISH TO SPEAK
22 AT THIS TIME? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I AM GOING TO ASK QUESTIONS.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW ASK FOR L.A. COUNTY
2 SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL, INSPECTOR GENERAL MAX HUNTSMAN AND DEAN
3 HANSELL TO COME FORWARD. SHERIFF

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5 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
6 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE
7 TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE TODAY. AFTER WE COME TOGETHER AFTER AN
8 AWFUL LOT OF WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE,
9 TRYING TO GET TO A PLACE WHERE WE'RE IN A POSITION TO BE ABLE
10 TO BE COMFORTABLE MOVING FORWARD, THAT WE HAVE THE COMMUNITY
11 INVOLVED, THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO SHOW THE
12 EFFORTS THAT WE'RE MAKING ON A DAILY BASIS, TO BE ABLE TO PUT
13 THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE PROPER LIGHT, TO
14 BE ABLE TO SHOW THAT WE'RE A BEST PRACTICE ORGANIZATION, THAT
15 WE'VE GOTTEN PAST THE ISSUES OF OUR RECENT PAST AND BUILDING
16 ON THE GREAT FOUNDATION THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE ORGANIZATION FOR
17 SO MANY YEARS. I'M VERY PROUD OF WHERE WE ARE TODAY. I'M VERY
18 PROUD OF WHERE WE'RE GOING AND MOVING FORWARD AND I WELCOME
19 THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND TO HAVE
20 A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO BE ABLE TO VALIDATE THE
21 GOOD THAT'S BEING DONE, THE EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE ON
22 BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC AND REALLY GETTING THE WORD OUT THERE
23 THAT'S NOT CURRENTLY GETTING OUT THERE. AND SO IN LIGHT OF
24 WHAT'S GOING ON, AS WAS TOUCHED ON BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
25 NATIONALLY AND THE FOCUS ON POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS, I

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1 BELIEVE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY HERE TODAY TO BE ABLE TO USE
2 THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AS A VEHICLE FOR GETTING INPUT FROM
3 THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE AND FOR BEING ABLE TO SHARE
4 INFORMATION THROUGH THAT SAME CONDUIT, AS WELL. SO MOVING
5 FORWARD, I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT EMBRACES CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. LOOK FORWARD TO
7 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AND TO BE ABLE TO
8 ENSURE EVERYBODY THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF REALLY GOOD PEOPLE
9 DOING A VERY DIFFICULT, COMPLEX AND DANGEROUS JOB
10 EXCEPTIONALLY WELL OVERALL. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE PROBLEMS IN
11 AN ORGANIZATION LIKE OURS. WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THOSE EACH
12 AS THEY ARISE AND BE ABLE TO GIVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE TO
13 PEOPLE THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS THAT ARE BEING DONE ARE VALID,
14 THAT WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO BE THE VERY BEST AGENCY THAT
15 WE CAN EACH AND EVERY DAY. SO THANK YOU FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY.
16 I LOOK FORWARD TO ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL MOVE ON TO MAX.

19

20 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
21 ACTION LAST MONTH APPROVING MY M.O.A. WITH THE SHERIFF,
22 IMPLEMENTING ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. AS A RESULT,
23 MY OFFICE HAS MADE 33 LOGGED REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL
24 INFORMATION AND TO DATE NONE HAVE BEEN REFUSED. THE TIMELINESS
25 OF THE RESPONSES HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, AS WELL. OUR REQUESTS

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1 RELATE TO A VARIETY OF MATTERS, INCLUDING ONGOING PRISONER
2 SAFETY ISSUES, CRITICAL INCIDENTS AND THE BEGINNING OF LONGER-
3 TERM INQUIRIES INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SHOOTING
4 INVESTIGATIONS AND DE-ESCALATION TRAINING. MY IMPRESSION SO
5 FAR IS THAT OUR MOST SERIOUS IMMEDIATE CHALLENGES WILL COME IF
6 BUREAUCRATIC ISSUES WITHIN AND AROUND THIS VERY LARGE AGENCY.
7 BECAUSE OF THE STRONG LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD AND THE
8 SHERIFF, I EXPECT LONG-TERM SUCCESS IN ACCOMPLISHING OUR
9 MISSION OF MAXIMIZING TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUCCESS
10 FOR OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD SETS
11 OUT A PLAN FOR TAKING THE NEXT IMPORTANT STEP TO MORE CLOSELY
12 CONNECT THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR PEACE OFFICERS. BY BRINGING TO
13 LIGHT SIGNIFICANT SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES AND PROVIDING BALANCED
14 INFORMATION, MY OFFICE HAS ENCOURAGED A NUMBER OF REFORMS. WE
15 EXPECT TO DO MUCH MORE WITH THE INCREASED ACCESS WE HAVE NOW.
16 HOWEVER, THAT ALONE IS NOT ACCOUNTABILITY. TRUE ACCOUNTABILITY
17 MEANS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. OUR COUNTRY IS ENGAGING IN AN
18 IMPORTANT DISCUSSION ABOUT POLICING, AND IF WE ALLOW THAT
19 CONVERSATION TO HAPPEN ONLY IN THE MEDIA, WE WILL GET ONLY
20 SLOGANS AND SOUND BITES. I BELIEVE A CIVILIAN COMMISSION CAN
21 PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A PLACE TO HAVE AN INTELLIGENT,
22 ONGOING CONVERSATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, A PLACE WHERE LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT SHARES INFORMATION ABOUT ITS ACTIONS, WHERE LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT LISTENS RESPECTFULLY TO THE CONCERNS OF THE
25 PUBLIC, AND WHERE THE PUBLIC LISTENS RESPECTFULLY TO THE

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1 CONCERNS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. OF COURSE THE SUCCESS OF THIS
2 PROCESS DEPENDS ON MANY CAREFUL STEPS, AND I APPRECIATE THE
3 CARE WITH WHICH THIS BOARD HAS ADDRESSED THIS PROBLEM. I LOOK
4 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THIS COMMISSION IN WHATEVER FINAL FORM
5 THIS BOARD CHOOSES FOR IT. I LOOK FORWARD TO PRESENTING
6 MATTERS TO THE COMMISSION THAT I HOPE THEY WILL FIND WEIGHTY
7 AND I HOPE TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT GIVES THEM THE INFORMATION
8 THEY NEED TO BE A POWERFUL, POSITIVE FORCE IN OUR COUNTY.
9 FINALLY, I WANT TO REPEAT WHAT I HAVE SAID BEFORE. THE BOARD
10 IS OPERATING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE STATE LAW GOVERNING
11 COUNTIES AND POLICE WORK. BECAUSE THE LAW PREVENTS US FROM
12 DOING EVERYTHING WE SHOULD, SOME PEOPLE MIGHT WANT TO GIVE UP
13 AND DO NOTHING. BUT I BELIEVE THAT WITHIN THE LAWS WE HAVE, WE
14 CAN MOVE FORWARD IN IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ITS
15 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, BY DOING
16 WHAT WE CAN WITHIN OUR LIMITS, I BELIEVE WE BUILD A FRAMEWORK
17 THAT CAN BE IMPROVED UPON IN THE FUTURE. ALL OR NOTHING MAY
18 MAKE A GOOD SLOGAN, BUT IT DOESN'T GET THE JOB DONE. I LOOK
19 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR NEW COMMISSION AND PRODUCING REAL
20 CHANGE. I ALSO BELIEVE THE COMMISSION AS ENVISIONED TODAY WILL
21 BE AN EXCELLENT FORUM FOR A DEBATE ON EVEN GREATER REFORMS.
22 THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
25 PLEASE.

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2 **DEAN HANSELL:** YES, CHAIR SOLIS AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, I'M
3 DEAN HANSELL AND I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS THE CHAIR
4 OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WORKING GROUP. TO PUT OUR
5 CONVERSATION IN CONTEXT TODAY, THE PROPOSAL HAS ABOUT 50
6 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND ALL OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, WITH THE
7 EXCEPTION OF THREE, WERE UNANIMOUS BY THE ENTIRE GROUP. SO
8 ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES, THEY NEED TO BE PUT IN
9 PERSPECTIVE THAT WAY. THE PROPOSED COMMISSION, UNLIKE THE
10 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS AND NEARLY EVERY OTHER POLICE
11 OVERSIGHT BODY IN THE COUNTRY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE BY
12 FEUILLANT [PH?] OR ORDER OR DIRECTIVE. THE SHERIFF IS
13 INDEPENDENTLY ELECTED. AND SO THE COMMISSION HAS TO CONDUCT
14 ITS BUSINESS IN OTHER WAYS. IN THE PROPOSAL, FOR EXAMPLE,
15 YOU'LL NOTE THAT NOWHERE IN THERE DOES IT APPEAR THAT-- WHAT
16 ARE THE POWERS OF THIS GROUP? INSTEAD, WE IDENTIFIED
17 RESPONSIBILITIES, EIGHT OF THEM, WHICH IF THEY CAN BE MET
18 ,WILL PERFORM A CRITICAL ROLE IN HELPING TO RESTORE TRUST IN
19 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SHERIFF AND THE RESIDENTS. SOME
20 OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE REFERRED POWERS. THAT IS TO SAY,
21 THEY WILL EXIST ONLY IF ALL THE PARTIES TO A DISPUTE AGREE TO
22 EMPOWER THE COMMISSION TO GET INVOLVED. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES
23 ARE REALLY GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IF THIS BODY THOROUGHLY
24 AND TIMELY AND THOUGHTFULLY ANALYZES AN ISSUE. AND THEN
25 THROUGH THE FORCE OF LOGIC AND SOMETIMES THROUGH PUBLIC

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1 OPINION ARE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THINKING AND POLICY. TO BE
2 EFFECTIVE, THE COMMISSION IS GOING TO NEED THREE THINGS. FIRST
3 AND FOREMOST, THE CALIBER OF THE APPOINTEES. TO BE EFFECTIVE,
4 THE COMMISSIONERS MUST HAVE CREDIBILITY WITH BOTH MEMBERS OF
5 THE COMMUNITY, SOME OF WHOM ARE REPRESENTED BY THE GROUPS IN
6 THIS ROOM TODAY AND WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IN OTHER
7 WORDS, EACH MEMBER HAS TO HAVE SUFFICIENT GRAVITAS THAT WHEN
8 THEY SPEAK, PEOPLE WILL LISTEN. AND WITH ONLY ONE EXCEPTION,
9 WHICH I'LL DISCUSS, WE WERE UNANIMOUS ON OUR RECOMMENDATIONS
10 ABOUT WHAT WE WANTED THE CRITERIA FOR THIS TO BE. WHILE WE'RE
11 NOT UNANIMOUS ON OUR PROPOSAL ABOUT HOW THE FOUR COMMISSIONERS
12 WOULD BE SELECTED THAT WEREN'T INDIVIDUALLY APPOINTED, THAT
13 DIVISION WASN'T A VERY DEEP ONE. AND WE HAD NOT CONSIDERED THE
14 APPROACH THAT ACTUALLY HAS COME OUT WITH THE PROPOSAL ITSELF.
15 AND WHILE I CAN'T SPEAK FOR MY COLLEAGUES, I CONCLUDE THAT THE
16 APPROACH RECOMMENDED IS A REASONABLE ONE THAT'S BEFORE YOU. I
17 HAVE ONLY ONE CONCERN ABOUT IT. AND THAT IS UNDER SECTION 3-A
18 OF THE PROPOSAL, THE INDEPENDENT SEARCH CONSULTANT IS
19 EMPOWERED ALONE TO DEVELOP A WEIGHTED SYSTEM TO EVALUATE AND
20 RANK CANDIDATES AND WINNOW THAT LIST DOWN TO 20 CANDIDATES.
21 THERE REALLY ARE NO SAFEGUARDS OR PROCESS ADDED TO THAT TO
22 ENSURE THAT THIS SYSTEM THAT THE INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT IS
23 GOING TO DEVELOP AND USE PROPERLY REFLECTS THE CONCERNS ABOUT
24 SELECTING CANDIDATES WITH GRAVITAS THAT WILL BE IN THE
25 PROPOSAL ITSELF IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THEY DO HAVE

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1 CREDIBILITY. SHOULD MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BE
2 ALLOWED TO SERVE? FORMER MEMBERS BE ALLOWED TO SERVE AS
3 COMMISSIONERS? WHILE THE MAJORITY OF THE PANEL FAVORED AN
4 EXCLUSION, OTHER MEMBERS ARGUED STRENUOUSLY AGAINST IT. THE
5 PROPOSAL TODAY, OF COURSE, WOULD ELIMINATE THAT BAN. THE
6 REASON A MAJORITY OF THE WORKING GROUP FAVORED A BAN WAS NOT
7 BECAUSE OF A BELIEF THAT FORMER SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES COULD NOT
8 BE GOOD COMMISSIONERS. I PERSONALLY CAN THINK OF A NUMBER OF
9 THEM THAT WOULD BE. BUT, RATHER, IT'S BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE AN
10 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WHOSE MAIN POWERS HAVE TO INCLUDE THE
11 POWER OF PERSUASION, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THAT EACH MEMBER TO
12 HAVE CREDIBILITY WITH BOTH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND WITH
13 THE COMMUNITY. A FORMER DEPUTY'S PRESENCE COULD RAISE THE
14 APPEARANCE OF BIAS ISSUES. LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE. IF THE
15 COMMISSION TAKES A POSITION ON AN ISSUE THAT ESSENTIALLY SIDES
16 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IT'LL BE IMPORTANT THAT THE
17 SOLE FOCUS BE ON THE LOGIC OF THAT POSITION AND NOT HAVE TO
18 DEAL WITH SIDESHOWS SUCH AS ALLEGATIONS THAT THE ONLY REASON
19 THAT THE COMMISSION TOOK THAT POSITION IS BECAUSE ONE OF ITS
20 MEMBERS IS A FORMER DEPUTY. THE SECOND FACTOR IMPORTANT TO THE
21 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S WORK IS ONE THAT THE PROPOSAL ADDRESSES
22 VERY WELL. TO SUCCEED, THIS COMMISSION MUST BE AN ADEQUATELY
23 STAFFED, AND AS CHAIR SOLIS POINTED OUT, THE PROPOSAL'S
24 CHARACTERIZATION THAT IT SHOULD BE ROBUSTLY STAFFED IS WELL
25 STATED. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT THAT THEY HAVE A STRONG EXECUTIVE

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1 DIRECTOR, ANALYST, A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AND OTHERS
2 THAT WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE COMMISSION ITSELF. IT WILL
3 HELP TO PROFESSIONALIZE THE GROUP AND REALLY ENABLE THAT THERE
4 BE FOLLOW-THROUGH. THE THIRD FACTOR IMPORTANT TO THE
5 COMMISSION'S WORK IS ITS ABILITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM
6 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OBTAIN IT IN A TIMELY FASHION.
7 THIS PROPOSAL, IN ESSENCE, SAVES THAT DISCUSSION FOR ANOTHER
8 DAY, SO I'LL DEFER MOST OF MY COMMENTS TO THEN. I DO WANT TO
9 NOTE THAT THOUGH A MAJORITY FAVORED SUBPOENA POWER, MAJORITY
10 ON THE GROUP ITSELF, AS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT TO THE
11 PROCESS, NOT BECAUSE WE EXPECT THAT SUBPOENA POWER WOULD BE
12 USED OR MORE USED OFTEN BUT BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE
13 THAT POWER IN RESERVE JUST IN CASE IT'S NEEDED. AND IF I COULD
14 CITE TO AN EXAMPLE, THE SAN DIEGO'S CITIZENS LAW ENFORCEMENT
15 REVIEW BOARD HAS SUBPOENA POWER. THEY'VE NEVER USED IT. THE
16 STAFFERS, HOWEVER, WE SPOKE TO BELIEVE IT AN IMPORTANT TOOL TO
17 HAVE, BUT THEY'VE NEVER ACTUALLY HAD TO ISSUE A SUBPOENA. AND
18 I WOULD ADD THAT SUBPOENA POWER WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO THE
19 COMMISSION. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THE COMMISSION EITHER
20 HAVE ITS OWN M.O.A. OR THAT THE M.O.A. THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE
21 BOARD RECENTLY BE MODIFIED SO THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS
22 NOT FORCED INTO THE POSITION OF HAVING EACH TIME THE
23 COMMISSION NEEDS INFORMATION TO EXPEND RESOURCES THEMSELVES TO
24 HAVE TO ACT ON IT. IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE THAT DONE
25 INDEPENDENTLY. THE SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT COMMISSION HAS GREAT

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1 POTENTIAL TO SERVE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF OUR
2 COMMUNITY AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT CAN SERVE AS AN
3 HONEST BROKER OR MEDIATOR BETWEEN DIFFERENT GROUPS IN THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IF REQUESTED, IT CAN MONITOR LITIGATION
5 SETTLEMENT COMPLIANCE AND HELP AVOID ISSUES TO BEGIN WITH
6 THROUGH THOROUGH AND THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS OF AN ISSUE AND
7 DILIGENT AND AT TIMES PERSISTENT, AND AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL
8 SAID, "OBNOXIOUS FOLLOW- THROUGH" WITH THE SHERIFF'S
9 DEPARTMENT ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. WE NEED TO GIVE THE NEW
10 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION EVERY CHANCE TO SUCCEED. THE
11 PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY, WITH A COUPLE OF CHANGES AS I'VE
12 INDICATED, IS A BOLD AND IMPORTANT STEP TO ACHIEVING THAT
13 GOAL. SO ON BEHALF OF MY FELLOW WORKING GROUP MEMBERS AND
14 MYSELF, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TRUST YOU PLACED IN US AND
15 THE PRIVILEGE OF OUR BEING ABLE TO BE OF SERVICE TO YOU.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MADAME CHAIR?

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF I MAY, I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO THANK MR.
22 HANSELL FOR HIS WORK AND THE ENTIRE WORKING GROUP. IT WAS A
23 LOT OF TIME FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PUT IN. A LOT OF PUBLIC
24 HEARINGS. A LOT OF COMMUNICATION. AND A LOT OF VERY, VERY
25 THOUGHTFUL, PROFESSIONAL, CONCERTED AND RATIONAL WORK. IT

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1 HELPED US SO MUCH IN THE FORMATION OF OUR EVENTUAL PRODUCT, AS
2 YOU'VE SAID, ADOPTING MOST ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY
3 THE WORKING GROUP. SO THANKS TO YOU AND TO THE WHOLE GROUP. I
4 THINK IT'S A MODEL THAT WE'LL WANT TO LOOK CLOSELY AT AND
5 PERHAPS MIMIC IN THE FUTURE AS WE LOOK TO OTHER KINDS OF
6 OVERSIGHT. BUT JUST FOR NOW, DEAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **DEAN HANSELL:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD
11 OR PANEL? I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR APPOINTEES THAT
12 SERVED. I KNOW HERNAN VERA SERVED AS MY APPOINTEE AND I DO
13 APPRECIATE THE LONG HOURS AND TIME. AND THAT OF THE COMMUNITY.
14 BECAUSE THE VARIOUS FORUMS THAT WERE HELD IN DIFFERENT
15 LOCATIONS, THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT MADE A VERY STRONG
16 EFFORT, AND SOMETIMES IT WAS AGONIZING, I UNDERSTAND. BUT
17 NONETHELESS, AN IMPORTANT DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THAT HAD TO TAKE
18 PLACE. AND AS A RESULT, WE HAVE THIS BEFORE US TODAY. SO I
19 WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF FOR
20 ALSO HOLDING TO HIS COMMITMENT OF SEEING THIS THROUGH. AND I
21 KNOW THAT THAT TAKES A LOT ON YOUR PART AND THE PART OF THE
22 BODY THAT YOU REPRESENT, SHERIFF, AND ALSO TO OUR I.G. I KNOW
23 HE HAS BEEN WORKING VERY HARD ON MANY, MANY ITEMS. AND IT HAS
24 NOT BEEN EASY. AND IT WON'T BE EASY. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT
25 IT'S ABOUT. THAT WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER AND WE WANT TO

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1 FIND THE BEST SOLUTION THAT WE CAN POSSIBLY GAIN FOR THE
2 PUBLIC. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WITH THAT, YES, SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHERIFF, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS AFTER THEY ALL
6 SPEAK. FIRST I WANT TO ASK OUR OMBUDSMAN. WE ALL KNOW THAT
7 THERE WAS A LOT OF WORK THAT WAS DONE IN THIS. A LOT OF VOTES
8 TAKEN, SOME WERE SPLIT VOTES. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK NEIL
9 FOR HIS LEADERSHIP FOR SERVING ON THE BODY BECAUSE HE WAS ALSO
10 INVOLVED WITH THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN THE PAST. THE ISSUE
11 AS IT RELATES TO THE EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSION CANDIDATES,
12 IT OUGHT TO BE STRESSED THAT THE WORK OF THE GROUP WAS
13 UNANIMOUS, THAT THE COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF
14 THE COMMUNITY. VERY IMPORTANT. THEIR ABILITY TO ANALYZE THE
15 DATA AND REACH CONCLUSIONS BASED ON FACTS IN A THOUGHTFUL IN
16 AND OBJECTIVE MANNER WILL PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE
17 OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS BODY. MR. HUNTSMAN AND MR. TYLER
18 SINCE YOU WERE BOTH MEMBERS OF THIS WORKING GROUP, APART FROM
19 THE COMMISSIONS CONDUCTING A SELF-EVALUATION BY CANDIDLY
20 ASSESSING THEIR STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES, SUCCESSES AND FAILURES,
21 WERE THERE ANY OBJECTIVE SET OF PERFORMANCE MEASURES DISCUSSED
22 OR SUGGESTED BY THE WORKING GROUP?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** NO, I'LL BE HONEST. I DON'T REMEMBER THAT WE GOT INTO
25 THAT LEVEL OF DETAIL. IT WAS PRIMARILY THE SUGGESTION OF ONE

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1 OF OUR MEMBERS, BRENT BRAUN, WHO WAS UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY,
2 WHICH WAS A SUGGESTION THAT WE ALL AGREED WITH, THAT THE
3 COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE SOME KIND OF EVALUATIVE PROCESS OF ITS
4 OWN WORK. BUT I DON'T REMEMBER OUR EVER DISCUSSING SPECIFIC
5 CRITERIA. THOSE ARE PROBABLY THINGS WE COULD DEVELOP BOTH
6 DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME WHEN THE COMMISSIONERS ARE GOING
7 THROUGH TRAINING AS WELL AS ONCE THIS THING GETS UP AND
8 RUNNING AND WE ASSESS WHAT IT IS THEY'RE ACTUALLY DOING FROM
9 WEEK TO WEEK.

10

11 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I AGREE. THAT WAS MY RECOLLECTION. BRENT BRAUN
12 WAS PARTICULARLY PERSISTENT ON THAT POINT. IT WAS VERY
13 IMPORTANT TO HIM. HE WAS VERY PERSUASIVE TO THE WORKING GROUP
14 ABOUT THE ISSUE. BUT THE SPECIFICS OF THE MEASURING STICK TO
15 BE USED WERE NOT ADDRESSED. AND I THINK PART OF THAT IS FOR
16 THE REASONS MR. TYLER SAYS. I WOULD EXPECT THE COMMISSION,
17 WHEN CREATED, TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE A VERY STRONG IDEA OR
18 DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT IT WANTS TO DO AND WHERE IT'S GOING TO
19 GO AND THEN THAT'S HOW WE DECIDE WHAT THE MEASURING STICK
20 WOULD BE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DOES IT MEAN GIVE WEIGHTED CONSIDERATION
23 FOR IMMIGRATION STATUS? IF TWO PEOPLE ARE SIMILARLY QUALIFIED
24 CANDIDATES, IS THE CONSULTANT SUPPOSED TO GIVE GREATER

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1 CONSIDERATION TO THE PERSON WHO HAS FOLLOWED FEDERAL LAWS OR
2 VIOLATED FEDERAL LAWS?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** IF THAT'S DIRECTED TO ME, I WILL YOU THAT WE DID
5 ADDRESS THE IMMIGRATION STATUS INCLUSION IN THAT PASSAGE. THE
6 WORD THAT HAD BEEN IN THERE BEFORE WAS SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.
7 THE WORD WEIGHTED CAME IN THERE AT A TIME WHEN I GUESS WE WERE
8 REALIZING, WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO HAVE A DIVERSE GROUP
9 OF PEOPLE IN THIS COMMISSION. NOW, MANY OF THOSE
10 SPECIFICATIONS ABOUT DIVERSITY MADE PERFECT SENSE TO EVERYBODY
11 WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. THAT ONE BORE SOME DISCUSSION.
12 AND WEIGHTED DOES MEAN-- AND I'LL DEFER TO DEAN IF I SAY THIS
13 WRONG-- BUT WEIGHTED MEANS THAT IF THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE OF
14 EQUAL STANDING AND EQUAL, ROUGHLY EQUAL QUALIFICATIONS, THERE
15 WOULD BE AT LEAST SOME ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION FOR HAVING
16 PERHAPS SOMEBODY WITH AN IMMIGRATION STATUS THAT'S DUBIOUS OR
17 UNCLEAR OR NOT TECHNICALLY WITHIN THE LAW. THIS SAYS
18 CONSIDERATION. NOT ABSOLUTE INCLUSION IN THE GROUP FOR THAT
19 REASON ALONG. BUT CONSIDERATION TO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE A
20 NUMBER OF UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT THEIR
21 VOICE SHOULD BE HEARD IN SOME MANNER. I DON'T RECALL THAT WE
22 PUT THAT ONE TO A VOTE. I ASKED SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT
23 MYSELF BECAUSE I WAS REPRESENTING THE SHERIFF AND BECAUSE I
24 KNEW THAT WE SHARED A CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT THAT POTENTIALLY
25 SUCH A PERSON IS TECHNICALLY IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW. ON THE

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1 OTHER HAND, WE DISCUSSED WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PEOPLE ARE
2 SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN IMPORTANT WAYS UP TO AND INCLUDING IN
3 THE MILITARY, WHICH WE BELIEVE-- I WAS TOLD AT LEAST, AT THE
4 TIME WE DISCUSSED IT-- THAT THERE ARE INSTANCES IN WHICH
5 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT DOCUMENTED SERVE IN THE MILITARY. THAT MADE
6 IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO CONTINUE, POINTING OUT THAT
7 THERE'S A CURIOUS POINT ABOUT THAT AND WE LET IT RIDE AT THE
8 TIME AS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS. DID I REMEMBER THAT
9 CORRECTLY?

10

11 **DEAN HANSELL:** YES. AND I THINK MR. TYLER WORDED IT, EXPLAINED
12 IT WELL. AND THE IMMIGRATION STATUS IS A BROAD CONCEPT. IT CAN
13 MEAN MANY PEOPLE OR FIRST GENERATION, WHICH IS QUITE A LARGE
14 PERCENTAGE OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY,, AND OF COURSE HAVE A
15 VERY IMPORTANT VOICE. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS IT WAS
16 INCLUDED IN HERE. AND AS WITH EVERYTHING ELSE, IT PROBABLY
17 WON'T BE QUITE AS CLEAN AS THAT, IF WE HAVE TWO IDENTICAL
18 CANDIDATES, ONE IS A FIRST GENERATION, EITHER DOCUMENTED OR
19 NOT DOCUMENTED, AND OTHERWISE THEY'RE IDENTICAL, I THINK THERE
20 WILL BE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT CRITERIA. BUT WE FELT THAT WE
21 WANTED THIS INCLUDED. AND AGAIN THIS WAS A UNANIMOUS
22 RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING GROUP.

23

24 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** AND, SIR, IT WAS PART OF A LIST OF DIVERSITY
25 CRITERIA THAT I THINK WE WERE SEEKING TO COME UP WITH A

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1 SUGGESTION, THAT THE GROUP AS A WHOLE SHOULD BE AS DIVERSE AS
2 POSSIBLE. SO WE WANTED TO INCLUDE THINGS. I THINK THE REALITY
3 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THAT WE HAVE MANY, MANY PEOPLE HERE
4 WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED OR UNDERDOCUMENTED OR ANY NUMBER OF
5 THINGS. AND STILL THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DAY-TO-DAY
6 CONTACT WITH THEM, AND WE EXPECT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO
7 BEHAVE APPROPRIATELY AND WE WANT TO CREATE A MECHANISM FOR
8 THAT. THAT'S WHY WE WANTED TO BE INCLUSIVE, NOT AS A REWARD
9 OVER SOMEBODY ELSE, BUT AS A DESIRE TO BRING EVERYBODY TO THE
10 TABLE WHO IS INVOLVED IN THIS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDER. UNITED STATES
13 ARMY RECRUITING BATTALION, COLONEL LAWRENCE, NO ILLEGAL CAN
14 JOIN THE MILITARY. YOU HAVE TO HAVE A VISA OR A PENDING VISA
15 OR A WORK VISA, BUT NO ILLEGAL CAN JOIN THE MILITARY. SO
16 THAT'S KIND OF A MYTH OR FALLACY RIGHT THERE. (AUDIENCE
17 SHOUTING) .

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE. WE NEED SOME ORDER IN THE
20 AUDIENCE, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THIS NOT CONFLICT WITH THE FINAL
23 PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH REQUIRES, REQUIRES
24 COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS?

25

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1 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** YOU KNOW, COUNTY COUNSEL COULD ADDRESS THAT
2 BETTER THAN I DO. BUT I BELIEVE L.A. CITY RECENTLY--

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT-- THIS CONFLICTS
5 WITH ALL FEDERAL LAWS WE ARE SAYING THIS COMMISSION WOULD HAVE
6 TO.

7

8 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I DON'T BELIEVE IT DOES, SIR. BUT AGAIN I
9 HAVEN'T DONE RESEARCH ON IT. THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT A
10 PERSON CAN COME INTO THE COUNTRY IS CERTAINLY COVERED UNDER
11 FEDERAL LAW. BUT WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE WHO WE NEED TO
12 TAKE CARE OF AND WHO NEED TO INTERACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
13 GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK THE GOAL WAS TO INVOLVE THOSE PEOPLE
14 IN THIS PROCESS. AND I DON'T KNOW OF A LAW THAT THAT BREAKS.
15 BUT AGAIN IF IT DID BREAK A LAW, THEN CERTAINLY WE WOULD
16 ADDRESS THAT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE ORDINANCE IS REQUIRING COMPLIANCE
19 WITH ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS, ISN'T IT A VIOLATION OF A
20 FEDERAL LAW?

21

22 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** AS I SAY, I DON'T THINK IT IS. BUT I WOULD DEFER
23 TO COUNTY COUNSEL AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO ADDRESS THAT.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALLOWING, AGAIN, SOMEONE WHO NOT IN
2 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAST PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE, WE ARE
3 ENACTING AN ORDINANCE, AND THEN AUTOMATICALLY ALLOWING PEOPLE
4 TO VIOLATE THAT ORDINANCE, THAT LAW TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL,
5 ON THE COMMISSION, SO YOU'RE BREAKING THE LAW TWICE AND BEING
6 REWARDED AND THAT IS NOT LOGICAL. AS IT RELATES TO THE
7 COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION, THE WORKGROUP VOTED 4-3 OF THE
8 OPTION BEFORE US, WHICH HAS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SELECTING
9 FOUR OUT OF THE NINE COMMISSIONERS BY A MAJORITY VOTE. ANOTHER
10 OPTION WAS TO INCLUDE THE JUSTICES PARTNERS, TALKING ABOUT OUR
11 PRESIDING JUDGE, OR THE OPTION WHICH HAD FIVE COMMISSIONERS
12 APPOINTED BY EACH OF US TO THEN SELECT FOUR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
13 AS WAS DONE WITH THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE.
14 BOTH OF THESE OPTIONS WOULD MEET THE DIVERSITY OBJECTIVE. THE
15 DETAILED VETTING PROCESS IN THE MOTION PROVIDES A GREAT DEAL
16 OF PRIORITY TO INPUT TO INCLUSION AND NOT WITH AN EYE TOWARD
17 EASE, CONVENIENCE OR EXPEDIENCY. SO IF THAT'S THE INTENT OF
18 THE BOARD, IT'S PRUDENT TO HAVE THAT ALSO APPLIED TO THE BOARD
19 MEMBERS THEMSELVES BY HAVING THE BOARD BE 4/5. AND I WOULD ADD
20 AN AMENDMENT FOR THAT TYPE OF A CHANGE. I WOULD LIKE TO READ
21 THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS THAT I WOULD AUTHOR, MADAME CHAIR.
22 AMENDMENT TO ITEM 8. I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING
24 REVISIONS IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CIVILIAN
25 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. 1) REVISE PARAGRAPH B OF SECTION 379040

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1 TO REPLACE BY MAJORITY VOTE WITH 4/5 VOTE. 2) REVISE PARAGRAPH
2 379080, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, TO STRIKE "THE COMMISSION
3 WORKING WITH" BECAUSE THIS BODY-- THAT WOULD BE SIGNING THE
4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY SHOULD NOT BE ALSO DEVELOPING
5 THEIR POLICY. THAT SHOULD BE COUNTY COUNSEL DOING THAT. HER
6 RESPONSIBILITY. 3) REVISE PARAGRAPH 379210, COMPLIANCE WITH
7 ALL LAWS TO INCLUDE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PEACE OFFICERS' BILL
8 OF RIGHTS. AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD TAKE THE FOLLOWING
9 ACTIONS: 1) REVISE PARAGRAPH B4 OF SECTION 379050, THE MOTION
10 TO REPLACE JUSTICE DEPUTIES TO BOARD DEPUTIES. THIS GIVES EACH
11 SUPERVISOR THE FLEXIBILITY TO ASSIGN A MEMBER OF THEIR STAFF
12 AS THEY WISH, AND 2) REVISE PARAGRAPH B OF SECTION 379050 TO
13 REPLACE BY MAJORITY VOTE WITH 4/5 VOTE. AND THEN NUMBER 3)
14 REVISE PARAGRAPH 5 TO THE MOTION AS FOLLOWS: DIRECT THE CHIEF
15 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROVIDE A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN
16 30 DAYS WITH A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR STAFFING, FUNDING THE
17 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE STAFF ENUMERATED BY THE
18 WORKING GROUP AS NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSION TO BE EFFECTIVE,
19 INCLUDING AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANALYST, PUBLIC INFORMATION
20 OFFICER, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER
21 OF INVESTIGATORS ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
22 REQUIRED TO HANDLE THE INCREASED WORKLOAD OF THE COMMISSION.
23 SO I'LL PUT THOSE ON THERE.
24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S BEEN SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
2 KNABE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SPEAKING TO THE AMENDMENT, ALTHOUGH WE
5 DON'T ADOPT IT UNTIL THE END, BUT I THINK I WANT TO BE VERY
6 CLEAR. I DON'T SUPPORT THE 4/5 VOTE. I THINK IN ORDER TO
7 CONSTITUTE THE COMMISSION, WITH SOME EFFICACY JUST BY
8 EXPERIENCE AND WITH APOLOGY, I THINK A MAJORITY VOTE IS
9 SUFFICIENT FOR EACH OF THE FOUR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE
10 COMMISSION. I DO SUPPORT REMOVING THE COMMISSION FROM THAT
11 PART THAT IS DESIGNING THEIR OWN ETHICS CODE. I THINK THAT'S
12 APPROPRIATE TO HAVE THAT ACTUALLY REALLY JUST BE DONE BY
13 COUNTY COUNSEL. THE ISSUE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PEACE
14 OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS KIND OF REMINDS ME OF WHAT MY
15 CONTRACTS PROFESSOR USED TO SAY: YOU COULD WRITE AT THE BOTTOM
16 OF THE CONTRACT "AND WE REALLY MEAN IT" AND IT DOESN'T
17 ACTUALLY MAKE IT ANY STRONGER. MY IMPRESSION IS, CORRECT ME IF
18 I'M WRONG, WE ALREADY HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE PEACE OFFICERS'
19 BILL OF RIGHTS. SO I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT SECTION. AND
20 FINALLY IN THE ADDITION TO THE MOTION, USING ANY KIND OF BOARD
21 DEPUTY NOT JUST THE JUSTICE DEPUTIES, I THINK THAT IS VERY
22 GOOD BECAUSE WE MAY WANT TO APPOINT ONE OF OTHER DEPUTIES TO
23 WORK ON THIS ISSUE. AND, FINALLY, THE REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS
24 ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET, I THINK IT'S VERY GOOD BECAUSE WE
25 ALREADY HAVE THE ISSUE OF NEEDING A BUDGET, NEEDING TO SEE

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1 STAFFING, UNLESS IT'S TOO SHORT A TIMEFRAME. BUT I GUESS IF
2 THE C.E.O. THINKS A 30-DAY REPORT BACK CAN DO IT, I'M OKAY
3 WITH IT.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. PROCEDURALLY, IF
10 WE'RE GOING TO GET AMENDMENTS ON THE TABLE NOW, I THINK WE
11 SHOULD PROBABLY JUST HAVE THEM ALL OUT THERE AND THEN DISPOSE
12 OF THE MATTER ONCE HAVING HEARD PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AND SO IF
13 THERE ARE OTHER AMENDMENTS THAT ARE BEING PLACED BEFORE US,
14 MADAME CHAIR, MAY I ASK THAT YOU PERMIT THE MEMBERS BOARD TO
15 BRING THEM FORWARD NOW IF THEY ARE SO INCLINED? AND WE CAN
16 HAVE ALL OF THIS BEFORE US AND DO THE BUSINESS AS IT SHOULD BE
17 DONE.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. THE ONLY ONE THAT I WOULD ADD, AS YOU KNOW
22 I'VE ADVOCATED IN THE PAST FOR THE FOUR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS
23 THAT THE D.A., PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND
24 PRESIDING JUDGE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT AND POSSIBLY I'D LIKE TO
25 PUT OUT THERE AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD, UNDER ITEM 8, ON THE 20

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1 NOMINATIONS, THAT EACH OF THOSE, THE D.A., PUBLIC DEFENDER,
2 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND PRESIDING JUDGE BE ALLOWED TO
3 MAKE A NOMINATION, AT LEAST TO THE 20, TO THE ORIGINAL POOL.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** EITHER WAY. I THINK THEY SHOULD BE-- I THINK IT'S
10 IMPORTANT THAT THEY'RE A PART OF THIS PROCESS BECAUSE AT THE
11 END OF THE DAY, THEY'RE ALSO INVOLVED IN ALL THIS.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THE WORD NOMINATION
14 WILL CAUSE OTHERS TO WISH THAT THEY HAD THE SAME LANGUAGE. MY
15 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ALL OF THESE ENTITIES AND OUR COMMUNITY
16 GROUPS WILL BE ABLE TO NOMINATE PROPOSE, ET CETERA.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S NOT REALLY CLEAR.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S WHAT I WAS JUST TRYING TO CLARIFY.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT I TAKE THIS MOTION TO DO IS HIGHLIGHT
25 THOSE WHO YOU CHARACTERIZE AS CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS

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1 BEING ESSENTIALLY INVITED TO GIVE THEIR INPUT. THIS EXPLICITLY
2 STATES WHO THEY ARE, BUT IT DOES NOT PRECLUDE OTHERS FROM
3 DOING SO.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** EXACTLY. I'M NOT PRECLUDING ANYBODY ELSE. I JUST
6 WANTED TO CLARIFY, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK OUR INTENT WAS EXTENSIVE OUTREACH.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND IT WILL BE.

11

12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IF I MAY ON THAT SUBJECT, MADAME CHAIR. MR.
13 HANSELL BROUGHT UP I DON'T THINK WAS BROUGHT UP INTO THE
14 MOTION AND THAT IS IN DEVELOPING THE SORT OF SUGGESTED
15 CRITERIA THAT THE CONSULTANT WOULD LOOK AT, I WOULD FEEL
16 BETTER IF WE HAD SOME APPROVAL OVER THAT BECAUSE OTHERWISE
17 IT'S LIKE HIRING A CONSULTANT AND LETTING THEM DECIDE WHAT THE
18 CRITERIA IS FOR THE FOUR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK WE OUGHT TO APPROVE THAT.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S SEPARATE FROM YOUR ITEM, THOUGH.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** IN MY ITEM, MAYBE TO CLARIFY, INSTEAD OF A
4 NOMINATION, A RECOMMENDATION.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** GOOD, RECOMMENDATION. BUT IN ADDITION, THAT
7 WE APPROVE THE CRITERIA THAT THE CONSULTANT WOULD USE.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT THAT'S SEPARATE, RIGHT?

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WE SUGGEST AND THEN--

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND THERE HAVE BEEN THREE
16 AMENDING MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR, AM I CORRECT? ONE FROM
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ONE FROM SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ONE FROM
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND MY MOTION, THE SIX COMPONENTS, THEY COULD
25 BE DIVIDING THE QUESTION ON EACH OF THOSE.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU CAN ANTICIPATE THAT. [LAUGHTER.] MR.
3 ANTONOVICH.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHAT'S THE PLEASURE?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PUBLIC HEARING.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT NOW, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
10 PANEL, FOR YOUR SERVICE IN PROVIDING US WITH YOUR INFORMATION.

11

12 **DEAN HANSELL:** IF I MIGHT MAKE JUST ONE HISTORIC COMMENT OR TWO
13 OF THEM. ONE ON THE PROVISION ABOUT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH
14 IT. THE RATIONALE BEHIND IT-- AND I THINK THIS ACTUALLY CAME
15 FROM MEMBER BRAUN-- ON THE WORDING OF IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE
16 FACT THAT WE WANTED A VERY STRONG CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE.
17 IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S ALREADY AN EXISTING ONE AT THE COUNTY.
18 WE WANTED ONE EVEN STRONGER THAN THAT FOR THIS GROUP ITSELF.
19 AS FAR AS WE WERE CONCERNED, WE WANTED THE STRONGEST ONE THAT
20 MIGHT EXIST IN CALIFORNIA. THAT WAS THE RATIONALE BEHIND IT,
21 RATHER THAN TO WATER IT DOWN OR JUST USE THE EXISTING ONE THAT
22 WAY. BECAUSE, AGAIN, IF WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF INTEGRITY
23 THAT COME UP ON IT, IT'S REALLY GOING TO UNDERMINE THE WORK OF
24 THIS GROUP. AND SO THAT WAS THE REASON FOR THAT PARTICULAR
25 PROVISION FOR IT. AND AS THE SUPERVISOR KNABE'S SUGGESTION, AS

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1 SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, OUR HOPE WITH IT IS THAT WE GET AS
2 BROAD PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE, GET AS MANY RECOMMENDATIONS AS
3 POSSIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR IT. AND SO CERTAINLY IF PEOPLE,
4 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY, THE D.A. OR OTHERS HAD NOMINEES
5 OR CANDIDATES, THEY'D BE MOST WELCOME TO SUBMIT THEM. WITH
6 THAT, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.
9 VERY GOOD. OKAY. FOR THE AUDIENCE AND MEMBERS WHO WANT TO
10 SPEAK, WE ARE NOW GOING TAKE UP THIS ITEM, P-1 AND ITEM 8 AT
11 THE SAME TIME. SO THOSE OF YOU THAT WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS,
12 THERE'S A SET TIME TO ADDRESS THIS. AND YOUR TIME WILL BE
13 CONSOLIDATED. SO WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO ALERT THE BOARD
14 THAT WE HAVE OVER 40 INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.
15 SO WE WILL MOVE FORWARD ON THE SAME RULE THAT WE HAVE, TWO
16 MINUTES EACH. SO LET ME BEGIN BY CALLING UP THE FIRST FOUR
17 WITNESSES. RAPHAEL SONENSHEIN ALEX JOHNSON. JOSE OSUNA. TRACIE
18 LYONS. AND STEVEN GOLDSMITH. YOU'RE ON.

19

20 **RAPHAEL SONENSHEIN:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR SOLIS AND HONORABLE
21 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANKS FOR THE
22 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU ON THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS RAPHAEL
23 SONENSHEIN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PAT BROWN
24 INSTITUTE OF CAL STATE L.A. BASED ON MY EXPERIENCE IN BOTH
25 STUDYING AND PARTICIPATING IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE STRUCTURE

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1 OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING A TWO YEAR TERM AS EXECUTIVE
2 DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY APPOINTED CHARTER REFORM
3 COMMISSION, I SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. IT IS A STEP
4 FORWARD ON A LONG ROAD. THE SUPERVISORS FACE A DAUNTING
5 CHALLENGE IN CREATING A WORKABLE AND EFFECTIVE CITIZENS
6 COMMISSION, IN LIGHT OF THE SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS AUTHORITY YOU
7 HOLD OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION BEFORE YOU
8 REPRESENTS THE CULMINATION OF A COOPERATIVE EFFORT AMONG THE
9 SUPERVISORS, THE SHERIFF, THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE WORKING
10 GROUP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS TO CREATE SUCH A COMMISSION. I
11 AGREE WITH THE MAKERS OF THE MOTION THAT IT IS WORTHWHILE TO
12 ALLOW THE SHERIFF TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HIS VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT
13 TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE COMMISSION WILL BE SUFFICIENT.
14 I'M ALSO PLEASED THAT THE COMMISSION WILL COMPRISE MORE THAN
15 FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORS. IT IS
16 VERY IMPORTANT IN MY VIEW THAT THE COMMISSION NOT BE SOLELY A
17 DIRECT REFLECTION OF THE SUPERVISORS BUT HAVE BOTH A STRONG
18 CONNECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY AND TO A WIDER CONSTITUENCY.
19 THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL COMMISSION MEMBERS
20 OUTLINED IN THE MOTION SEEMS TO ME TO BE BOTH THOUGHTFUL AND
21 WELL DESIGNED. LIKE ALL GOVERNANCE REFORMS, THIS MOTION WILL
22 ESTABLISH A SYSTEM THAT IS AN EXPERIMENT AND SHOULD BE SEEN IN
23 THAT LIGHT. AND IT SHOULD ULTIMATELY BE INDEPENDENTLY
24 EVALUATED WITH COMMUNITY INPUT. AND I EMPHASIZE THE WORD
25 INDEPENDENTLY BECAUSE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO HAVE A FULL

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1 EVALUATION THAT IS STRICTLY FROM WITHIN THE SYSTEM. THINGS
2 RARELY TURN OUT EXACTLY AS HOPED. AND WHILE THERE IS MUCH TO
3 COMMEND IN THIS PROPOSAL, IT IS CERTAIN TO FACE UNFORESEEN AND
4 INDEED UNFORESEEABLE CHALLENGES DOWN THE ROAD. BASED ON SUCH
5 AN EVALUATION WHICH FOR PROFESSIONAL REASONS SHOULD START
6 EARLY, WE SHOULD CAREFULLY EXAMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
7 COMMISSION AND ASK CRITICALLY AND OPEN-MINDEDLY WHETHER ITS
8 POWERS ARE SUFFICIENT, AT WHICH POINT THE SUPERVISORS CONSIDER
9 WHAT IF ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE TO STATE LAW, TO THE COUNTY
10 CHARTER AND IN OTHER WAYS INVOLVING SUBPOENA POWER AND OTHER
11 CHANGES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

14

15 **ALEX JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OR GOOD
16 AFTERNOON. MY NAME THE ALEX JOHNSON AND I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
17 OF THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND CALIFORNIA, A STATEWIDE
18 ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS ROOTED IN THE IDEALS OF EQUITY,
19 FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE. I JOIN IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE MOTION
20 AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND BOARD CHAIR
21 SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS THAT MOVES US FORWARD TO FULLY
22 REALIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
23 COMMISSION. THIS MOTION FURTHER SEEKS TO IMPROVE THE
24 TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ENSURE AN ETHIC OF
25 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING WITH RESPECT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SINCE 2011 AND THE SUBSEQUENT 2012
2 RELEASE OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE REPORT,
3 THIS BODY HAS TAKEN A SERIES OF STRONG, BOLD AND CRITICAL BUT
4 INCREMENTAL STEPS TOWARD THE LARGER GOAL OF STRUCTURAL AND
5 SYSTEMATIC REFORM AND THE RESTORATION OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND
6 PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH PERMANENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THE
7 BOARD HAS THOUGHTFULLY AND CAREFULLY APPROACHED THIS PROCESS
8 THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE WORKING GROUP WHICH HAS VETTED THE
9 SPECIFIC PARAMETERS OF THE COMMISSION AND ENGAGED THE
10 COMMUNITY IN ITS DELIBERATIONS. DECADES AGO, THE KOLTZ
11 COMMISSION FIRST ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN
12 L.A. COUNTY. TODAY THE BOARD HAS A VERY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO
13 MAKE A CRITICAL STEP FORWARD IN REBUILDING THE TRUST BETWEEN
14 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE AND ADDRESSING
15 HEAD-ON AND PREVENTING THE RAGE THAT HAS BUILT UP ACROSS THIS
16 NATION. IN PARTICULAR THE ONE YEAR BAN ON LAW ENFORCEMENT
17 PERSONNEL SERVING ON THE COMMISSION REPRESENTS A CONSIDERATE
18 APPROACH AT STRIKING A BALANCE ON THE COMMISSION'S DIVERSITY
19 AND COMPOSITION. IN CLOSING I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS AND BOARD CHAIR SOLIS AND BOARD MEMBER SHEILA KUEHL AND
21 OTHERS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD AND EXPRESSING THEIR
22 SUPPORT. I URGE THE BOARD'S UNANIMOUS APPROVAL AND AM
23 CONFIDENT THAT THE COMMISSION, THE BOARD, THE SHERIFF AND THE
24 INSPECTOR GENERAL, WORKING IN CONCERT, WILL ENGENDER

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1 SYSTEMATIC REFORM AND BE A MODEL FOR OTHER JURISDICTIONS
2 ACROSS THIS NATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

5

6 **JOSE OSUNA:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO
7 THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION
8 FORWARD AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR SUPPORTING IT. I ALSO WANT TO
9 THANK THE WORKING GROUP THAT HAS PUT IN A LOT OF HARD WORK ON
10 THIS PIECE. I'M HERE REPRESENTING HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, MY NAME
11 IS JOSE OSUNA, AND I AM DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS THERE.
12 ALSO REPRESENTING FATHER GREGORY BOYLE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
13 MOTION. WE SUPPORT THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. WE ALSO
14 SHARE THE CONCERNS THAT ALL THE SUPERVISORS HAVE EXPRESSED
15 TODAY, IN PARTICULAR THOSE EXPRESSED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. BUT WE DO BELIEVE THIS IS A GOOD STEP IN THE
17 RIGHT DIRECTION, DEFINITELY MORE WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE. AND
18 THAT WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TOGETHER IN COOPERATION WITH LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY. WE BELIEVE THAT WE NEED
20 TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR COLLECTIVE POWER TO CONTINUE TO
21 INCREASE THE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE L.A. SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A
23 STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT JUST AS
24 THOSE THAT HAVE WORKED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PREVIOUSLY CAN BE
25 CONSIDERED FOR THIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, WE ALSO BELIEVES THAT

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1 THERE NEEDS TO BE INPUT FROM THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN FORMERLY
2 INCARCERATED, AS WELL. WE BELIEVE THAT THAT WILL BRING A GOOD
3 BALANCE TO THIS COMMISSION. WE ALSO WANT TO COMMEND SHERIFF
4 MCDONNELL FOR HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS. I WENT
5 TO SEVERAL TOWN HALLS WHERE THE SHERIFF WAS THERE, DEALING
6 WITH THE CONCERNS THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS RAISING TO HIM, SO I
7 WANT TO COMMEND HIM FOR THAT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
8 HIM MOVING FORWARD AND ONCE AGAIN WE WOULD ASK THIS BOARD TO
9 SUPPORT THIS MOTION MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

12

13 **STEVEN GOLDSMITH:** GOOD MORNING, STEVE GOLDSMITH FROM CENTINELA
14 YOUTH SERVICES AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I'M
15 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE C.E.O., THE DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD
16 OF DIRECTORS OF C.Y.S. AND WE'VE SERVED YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN
17 LOS ANGELES FOR OVER 40 YEARS. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY
18 TO DO THAT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITY TO ENGAGE
19 VOLUNTEERS IN PROVIDING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, EVIDENCE-BASED
20 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES. AND SO IN OUR WORK IN HOSTING
21 DIALOGUES BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND HIGH SCHOOL
22 STUDENTS, WE HAVE SEEN THE DEEP DIVIDES IN UNDERSTANDING AND
23 PERSPECTIVE AND YET HOW THOSE CAN BE BRIDGED THROUGH MORE OPEN
24 DIALOGUE AND TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION. FROM THIS WORK, WE
25 KNOW THAT TRANSPARENCY, TRUST AND OPEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN

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1 COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE CRITICAL FOR SAFE AND JUST
2 SOCIETY. SO WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND EFFORTS TO IMPROVE
3 TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMMUNITY INPUT BETWEEN THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC. AND WE KNOW THIS WILL BE
5 BENEFICIAL TO BOTH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITY IN
6 ACHIEVING THEIR MISSIONS. WE APPLAUD THE THOUGHTFUL PROCESS OF
7 THE WORKING GROUP. AND THAT THE SHERIFF, THEN SUPERVISOR
8 THOMAS AND SOLIS, FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. AND THE WORKING
9 GROUP THAT IS ENGAGED TO FIND SOLUTIONS AND ENCOURAGE NEXT
10 STEPS TOWARDS MORE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

13

14 **TRACIE LYONS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TRACIE TABER LYONS. I
15 AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LADERA HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION AS
16 WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE MARINA DEL REY C.A.C. I'M HERE TO
17 VOICE MY SUPPORT OF THE MOTION BEFORE YOU WITH REGARD TO THE
18 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I THINK THIS IS A BOLD STEP
19 THAT YOU ARE TAKING FOR THE COMMUNITY AND I THINK IT'S TIME
20 THAT THIS STEP BE TAKEN. BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT I'VE
21 REVIEWED AND HEARD TODAY, I'M PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THE
22 WORK DONE BY THE WORKING GROUP TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DIVERSE
23 VOICES ARE HEARD ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. I UNDERSTAND THERE
24 ARE THREE ISSUES THAT ARE BEFORE YOU THAT WERE NOT UNANIMOUS
25 IN THEIR SUPPORT BY THAT WORKING GROUP, THE MEMORANDUM OF

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1 AGREEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE ABILITY TO GET DOCUMENTATION AND
2 EVIDENCE TO MAKE DECISIONS AS PART OF THAT COMMISSION VERSUS
3 SUBPOENA POWER. I NOTE THAT YOU HAVE RETAINED THE AUTHORITY TO
4 PUT ON THE BALLOT THE ABILITY TO HAVE SUBPOENA POWER GIVEN TO
5 THAT COMMISSION HAVE AND I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT STEP TO
6 RETAIN. ALSO, I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF THE ISSUES BEFORE YOU
7 IS THE ABILITY OF POLICE PARTICIPATION ON THIS COMMISSION. I
8 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT ALL VOICES BE HEARD. AND I THINK AN
9 IMPORTANT STEP IS TO HAVE THE ONE YEAR BAN SO THAT THERE'S NO
10 APPARENT CONFLICT OR APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT WITH REGARD TO
11 FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING ON THAT BOARD.
12 BUT I THINK WHAT YOU'VE DONE IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD. I'M
13 EXCITED TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH REGARD TO THIS. I REALLY AM
14 PLEASED TO HEAR ABOUT THE DESIRE TO HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE,
15 DYNAMIC GROUP THAT'S NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK UP AND SPEAK FOR THE
16 DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS OF THIS COUNTY. I THINK IT'S TIME. AND I'M
17 PLEASED THAT YOU'VE TAKEN THE STEPS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE INDIVIDUALS NEED TO BE
20 CALLED UP. CEDRIC BROWN. BRIAN DECOUD, STEVE LAMB, ERIC
21 PREVEN, SHEILA PINKEL.

22

23 **BRIAN DECOUD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS BRIAN
24 DECOUD. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES FOR 33 YEARS. I'M
25 INVOLVED IN MY COMMUNITY AND I'M A VOTER. I TAKE ADVANTAGE OF

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1 THE OPPORTUNITIES TO INTERACT IN COMMUNITY EVENTS WITH MEMBERS
2 OF MY LOCAL SHERIFF'S STATION, SO EXERCISING FAIRNESS TOWARD
3 THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT PROTECT MY FAMILY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO
4 ME. I SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A TRANSPARENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
5 GROUP AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND SHOW
6 FAIRNESS TO THE COMPLAINANT AS WELL AS THE DEPUTY. WITHIN THE
7 DIVERSITY OF THE OVERSIGHT GROUP MEMBERS, I ALSO SUPPORT THE
8 IDEA OF ALLOWING BUT NOT MANDATING A FORMER PEACE OFFICER THAT
9 HAS BEEN A CIVILIAN FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR BE A MEMBER OF THE
10 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT GROUP. AT THE VERY LEAST, THIS PERSON COULD
11 OFFER PERSPECTIVE AND INSIGHT TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
12 OVERSIGHT GROUP REGARDING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS, POLICIES
13 AND EVEN THOUGHT PROCESSES OF ACTIVE PEACE OFFICERS. THIS
14 SHOULD MAKE THE OVERSIGHT GROUP MORE PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, IT
15 SHOULD BE MADE VERY CLEAR-- AND THIS MAY CAUSE EVEN GREATER
16 OVERSIGHT-- THAT THIS MEMBER IS CAUTIONED TO NEVER
17 INTENTIONALLY INFLUENCE THE OVERSIGHT GROUP TOWARD A DECISION
18 FAVORABLE TO THE PEACE OFFICER JUST BECAUSE OF THEIR FORMER
19 JOB. FINALLY, I'M CONCERNED GIVEN OUR LITIGIOUS ENVIRONMENT
20 THAT WE MAY PUT OUR PROTECTORS AT A DISADVANTAGE WHILE THEIR
21 ACTIVITIES ARE BEING REVIEWED. THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT GROUP
22 SHOULD BE CAUTIONED TO BE MINDFUL OF SHERIFF DUTY PROTOCOLS
23 AND RESPECT ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGES IF APPLICABLE DURING
24 ITS INVESTIGATIONS. SIMPLY PUT, SUPERVISORS, LIKE YOU, I ONLY

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1 WANT THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT GROUP TO BE TRANSPARENT AND FAIR.

2 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

5

6 **CEDRIC BROWN:** GOOD MORNING, I'M CEDRIC BROWN. I'M CHAPLAIN FOR
7 LOS ANGELES PROBATION JUVENILE CHAPLAINS EAGLES INC. AND ALSO
8 A BUSINESS PARTNER WITH BROWN GROUP INC. I WANT TO THANK YOU
9 FOR COMING FORTH AND PRESENTING THIS SITUATION. WE WANT TO
10 THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
11 BRINGING THIS FORTH TO US TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. ONE OF THE
12 THINGS THAT I HAVE NOTICED AS A DIRECTOR OVER THE PROBATION
13 JUVENILE DEPARTMENTS CHAPLAINCY, IS THAT WE TRANSITION THESE
14 CHILDREN INTO THE NEXT LEVEL AND THEY HAVE TO GO INTO A PLACE
15 WHERE THEY HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE NEXT DYNAMIC. AND BY DOING
16 SO, THEY EITHER GO INTO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR INTO STATE
17 PRISONS. WITH THIS BEING THE CASE, WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS MAKE
18 SURE THAT THERE'S A GREATER SENSITIVITY IN THE CHANGE BECAUSE
19 THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE OUR FUTURE. AND THEY WILL BE OUR NEW
20 CITIZENS AND THE NEW LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY AND OUR COUNTY. SO
21 I COMMEND YOU ON THIS OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE I GREW UP DURING THE
22 CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. AND I UNDERSTAND THE DYNAMICS AND THE
23 IMPORTANCE OF WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A CHANGE AND CREATE
24 COMMUNICATIONS. AS MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS ESTABLISHED YEARS AGO
25 WITH HIS EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS THAT MADE A CHANGE BASED UPON

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1 OUR SITUATION WHERE WE WERE NOW ABLE TO HAVE TOWN HALL
2 MEETINGS WHERE WE COULD DISCUSS THE ISSUES, I THINK THAT YOU
3 ARE MAKING A MONUMENTAL MOVE TOWARDS SUCCESS FOR THIS COUNTY.
4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

7

8 **STEVE LAMB:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS STEVE LAMB. I LIVE IN
9 ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE
10 MAJORITY OF YOUR COMMITTEE GOT IT RIGHT. THIS COMMISSION, IN
11 ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE, CANNOT HAVE PRESENT OR FORMER LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL SERVING ON IT. AND YOU DO NEED SUBPOENA
13 POWER. HAVING SAID THAT, I'D ALSO LIKE TO SUGGEST AS I DID TWO
14 YEARS AGO THAT THIS COMMISSION SHOULD ACTUALLY BE A SECOND
15 COMMISSION AND THAT FIRST YOU REALLY NEED WHAT THEODORE
16 ROOSEVELT PUT IN PLACE IN THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
17 AND LATER THE NATION OF SOUTH AFRICA PUT IN PLACE AFTER HIS
18 EXAMPLE, YOU NEED A TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION. YOU
19 NEED TO HAVE-- THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO BREAK THE CULTURE
20 AND TRADITION OF POLICE BRUTALITY AND SECRECY IS TO PUT IT OUT
21 INTO THE LIGHT. AND THE ONLY WAY WE CAN POSSIBLY DO THAT
22 WITHOUT ALMOST GOING TO CIVIL WAR IS TO ACTUALLY GRANT AMNESTY
23 TO PEOPLE WHO WILL COME AND TELL THE TRUTH. THAT'S THE ONLY
24 THING THAT'S GOING TO WORK AND ULTIMATELY BREAK THIS CYCLE.
25 AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO EXAMINE THAT. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

3

4 **SHEILA PINKEL:** GOOD MORNING. SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS SHEILA
5 PINKEL. I'M WITH L.A. NO MORE JAILS. I SUPPORT GRANTING
6 SUBPOENA POWER TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR VOTER
7 CONSIDERATION ON THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT. ACCORDING TO THE
8 CATO INSTITUTE, CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARDS USUALLY DO HAVE
9 SUBPOENA POWER OVER THE POLICE. HOWEVER, THE PROVISION TO
10 INCLUDE FORMER MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT IS UNACCEPTABLE TO
11 ME. THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MUST BE INDEPENDENT OF THE VOICE
12 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR IT TO BE CREDIBLE IN THE MIND OF THE
13 PUBLIC. AND THE ARGUMENT THAT THIS COMMISSION MUST HAVE A
14 BALANCED MEMBERSHIP FROM THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS FALLACIOUS IN
15 TERMS OF THE IDEA THAT THIS COMMISSION NEEDS TO BE INDEPENDENT
16 OF POLICE VOICES IN ORDER FOR ITS CREDIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC.
17 ALSO, SELECTION PROCESS FOR MEMBERS ON THE COMMISSION MUST
18 INCLUDE THE PUBLIC IN EVERY STEP OF THE PROCESS UNLESS THE
19 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION HAS THE ABILITY-- UNLESS THE OVERSIGHT
20 COMMISSION HAS THE ABILITY TO INDEPENDENTLY MONITOR LAW
21 ENFORCEMENT USING SUBPOENA POWER, IT WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE IN
22 STOPPING SHERIFF ABUSE IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS ITEM NEEDS TO BE
23 REVISED. ANOTHER CONCERN THAT I HAVE IS ABOUT THE WEIGHTED
24 SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING APPLICANTS. THAT'S GOING TO BE DEVELOPED
25 BY THE OUTSIDE CONSULTANT. THIS WEIGHTED SYSTEM NEEDS TO BE

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1 TRANSPARENT, AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY AND OPEN FOR PUBLIC
2 DISCUSSION BEFORE IT'S FINALIZED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I LET YOU SPEAK,
5 I'D LIKE TO CALL UP SOME OTHER WITNESSES. MARLO RICHARDSON.
6 ARNOLD SACHS. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. ERICA SEGURA. GO AHEAD.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN SOLIS, CHAIRWOMAN SOLIS, IT'S
9 ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
10 THANK YOU TO THE SHERIFF WHO HAS CHOSEN TO STAY IN THE MEETING
11 WHICH I THINK SAYS A LOT ABOUT HIS WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO
12 THE PUBLIC AND TO THE BOARD ON THESE ISSUES. AND I THINK
13 THAT'S WHERE THE SECRET TO SUCCESS LIVES. I THINK THAT THERE
14 ARE MANY BUREAUS AND GROUPS THAT HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVING
15 IN THIS CAPACITY, AND THIS COULD BE ONE THAT MAYBE DOESN'T. I
16 THINK THAT THEY COULD CERTAINLY ATTEND THE MEETINGS WILLINGLY
17 AND REGULARLY TO OFFER GUIDANCE, PARTICIPATE EITHER ON THEIR
18 OWN TIME OR EVEN UNDER THE COLOR OF AUTHORITY. THERE'S NOTHING
19 THAT WOULD PREVENT A COP FROM SHOWING UP AT A COMMISSION LIKE
20 THIS THAT I KNOW OF, AND CHECK ME ON THAT. BUT I THINK THAT
21 THE PROCESS NEEDS TO BE DECOUPLED FROM YOUR OVERSIGHT
22 COMPLETELY BECAUSE THEN IT WILL BE INDEPENDENT. AND CIVILIAN
23 IS A CONFUSING WORD. WE'RE ALL CIVILIANS, SORT OF. BUT
24 INDEPENDENCE IS NOT SO CONFUSING. AND I THINK ANYTHING WE CAN
25 DO TO MAKE IT MORE INDEPENDENT WOULD BE GOOD. I'M NOT THRILLED

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1 WITH THE HAND-PICKED GROUP WHO PICKS A HAND-PICKED GROUP WHO
2 PICKS A GROUP AND THEN TWO ARE VOTED OFF THE ISLAND AT THE
3 END. WHO WANTS TO BE PART OF THAT? [LAUGHTER.] I CERTAINLY
4 DON'T. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS BECAUSE
5 I THINK-- AND I HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROCESS OF
6 CITIZEN OVERSIGHT FOR A VERY LONG TIME AS EVERYBODY IN THIS
7 ROOM EXCEPT FOR A FEW PEOPLE KNOW. AND THAT'S BECAUSE I CARE
8 AND I THINK THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO IN LOS ANGELES WANT
9 TO BELIEVE AND INVEST IN THE IDEA THAT WE ARE DOING THE RIGHT
10 THING REGULARLY AND ON A 100 PERCENT CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS
11 BECAUSE ANYTHING LESS IS INTOLERABLE, OBVIOUSLY. AND IN
12 CONCLUSION, I WOULD JUST LOOK FORWARD TO MORE PROGRESS AND TO
13 THIS THING CALLED GOLDEN KEY ACCESS THAT I'VE BEEN ON ABOUT,
14 BECAUSE IT WAS MIRIAM KRINSKY THAT SAT IN THE SEAT THAT MISS
15 HAMAI HAS VACATED FOR MY PRESENTATION, WHO SAID, THIS IS
16 SOMETHING THAT WORKS BECAUSE PEOPLE BELIEVE AND DO BETTER WHEN
17 THEY KNOW THAT SOMEONE COULD BE AROUND THE CORNER, WHEN THEY
18 FEEL THAT THE SHERIFF OR EVEN ERIC PREVEN OR HILDA SOLIS IS
19 COMING AROUND THE CORNER. SO I THINK THAT'S GOOD TO KNOW.
20 THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

23

24 **ERICA SEGURA:** HELLO. I'M ERICA SEGURA STUDENT AT C.A.L.O.

25 YOUTHBUILD. I'M OPPOSED TO HAVING ANY TYPE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

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1 INVOLVED, INCLUDING FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
2 WAS ASKED FOR BY THE COMMUNITY SO IT SHOULD BE DONE BY THE
3 COMMUNITY. SO THAT THIS COMMISSION CAN HAVE CREDIBILITY AND
4 POWER AMONGST THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS IT SHOULD AFFECT THE MOST
5 AFFECTED. THANK YOU. ALSO I WANT TO YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME
6 TO CANEK PE A-VARGAS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO STOP THE CLOCK.
9 WHY DON'T WE GO ON WITH THE NEXT WITNESS WHILE WE'RE WAITING?

10

11 **MARLO RICHARDSON:** MY NAME IS MARLO RICHARDSON AND I'VE SPENT
12 THE LAST 16 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND I AM VERY IMPRESSED
13 WITH THE WORK THAT YOU GUYS HAVE DONE WITH THE CIVILIAN
14 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
15 AND SOLIS. AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO ADD IS THAT I BELIEVE IN
16 THE LAST 16 YEARS, THE PERCEPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS
17 CHANGED AND IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT AS A RESULT OF SOME OF
18 THE ALLEGATIONS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE AND THE UNNECESSARY
19 SHOOTINGS, THAT OUR PROFESSION HAS BEEN LOOKED UPON
20 DIFFERENTLY. TO ADD TO THAT, I THINK IT WOULD BE IN THE
21 BENEFIT OF THE COMMISSION TO ACTUALLY HAVE SOMEONE IN LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT ON THAT BECAUSE IT OFFERS A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.
23 SUBJECT TO THAT PERSON HAVING A VERY GOOD MORAL CHARACTER AND
24 HISTORY AS THEIR TIME IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. BUT I DO THINK THAT
25 IT WOULD BE A NECESSARY PIECE BECAUSE THE PROCESS IN LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT SUCH AS AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS PROCESS IS SOMETHING
2 THAT THE AVERAGE CIVILIAN JUST HAS NO REALLY GOOD
3 UNDERSTANDING. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU LEARN OVERNIGHT.
4 IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU STUDY. IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S
5 ACQUIRED WITH YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. AND TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE
6 PERSON AND I THINK THAT THAT ONE PERSON SHOULD BE A REQUIRED
7 PARTICIPANT WOULD BE A VERY BIG COMPONENT TO MAKE SURE THAT
8 EVERYTHING IS FAIR AND NECESSARY. AND THAT MAYBE IF THERE ARE
9 QUESTIONS THAT NEED TO BE ASKED, THAT THOSE QUESTIONS ARE
10 ASKED FROM SOMEONE THAT IS A PART OF THE COMMISSION AND NOT
11 SOMEONE THAT MAY BE A PART OF THAT DEPARTMENT, WHETHER IT TO
12 BE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT, AS I CAN SEE
13 THAT SOMETHING OF THIS NATURE WILL CONTINUE ON TO OTHER
14 COUNTIES, OTHER CITIES. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
15 THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS COMMISSION TOGETHER.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

18

19 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOE
20 MAIZLISH. I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS COMMISSION BE AS STRONG AS YOU
21 CAN MAKE IT BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO HAVE A FEELING OF EQUALITY
22 BETWEEN THE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS OF THE CITIZENRY, THE
23 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AND THE POLICE OFFICERS. THERE'S A
24 PERCEPTION-- AND I THINK IT'S WELL-GROUNDED. THERE HAVE BEEN
25 REFERENCES TO THESE SPECIAL PROTECTIONS IN LAW, STATE LAW AND

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1 CONTRACTS THAT PRIVILEGE OFFICERS IN A WAY THAT THE CITIZENS
2 AREN'T. NOW, I KNOW THERE ARE GOING TO BE DIFFERENCES. BUT IF
3 POLICE OFFICERS, AS L.A. CITY'S POLICE COMMISSION SET UP, CAN
4 SEE VIDEOS BEFORE THEY GIVE REPORTS AND TESTIFY, WHAT ABOUT
5 THE INDIVIDUALS NOT POLICE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENTS?
6 THEY DON'T GET THAT SAME RIGHT. ALL OF THESE THINGS ADD UP AND
7 PUT PRESSURES ON EVERY CONTACT BETWEEN POLICE AND COMMUNITY
8 MEMBERS. AND YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO DEAL WITH. THERE'S A LOT
9 THAT'S FIGHTING AGAINST THAT SENSE OF EQUALITY AND RESPECT.
10 AND I'LL TELL YOU SOME OF THE THINGS ARE THE EXTREME
11 SENTENCING, THE ABSENCE OF THE EFFECTIVE RIGHT TO TRIAL, WHICH
12 WE KNOW THE PLEA BARGAINING AND EXTREME SENTENCES KIND OF
13 EXTORTS, OR MAYBE JUST BETTER TO SAY EXTRACTS, GUILTY PLEAS.
14 PEOPLE IS HE THAT WHEN THEY SEE A POLICE OFFICER. THEY SEE
15 THAT OVER THE OFFICER'S SHOULDER. EVEN OFFICERS OF THE BEST
16 GOOD FAITH IN THEIR PERFORMANCE. THESE THINGS LOAD UP THOSE
17 CONTACTS. AND AS A CERTIFIED TRAUMATIC STRESS SPECIALIST, I
18 SAY LET'S REDUCE THOSE THINGS. NOW, THE BOARD DOESN'T CREATE
19 STATE LAWS, AND ALL THE REST OF IT. BUT YOU CAN HAVE A VOICE
20 IN THOSE THINGS. AND THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT THIS COMMISSION
21 AND THE OFFICERS AND THE PUBLIC ARE WORKING AGAINST WHEN
22 THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE THE CONTACTS SAFER FOR EVERYBODY. SO
23 LET'S HAVE A STRONG COMMISSION AND LET'S LOOK BEHIND AT THOSE
24 FACTORS THAT PUT A BIG LOAD ON EVERYBODY THAT WE REALLY OUGHT
25 TO RELIEVE. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

5 FIRST, COUPLE DIFFERENT THINGS. YOU QUOTED SUPERVISOR

6 YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. HE ALSO QUOTED JOHN WOODEN.

7 REMINDS ME OF THIS QUOTE. "DON'T CONFUSE ACTIVITY FOR

8 ACHIEVEMENT." YOU ARE CERTAINLY MOVING THE BALL. IT'S SINKING.

9 STAFF MEMBERS TO THIS COMMISSION? BUT THE BOARD NEGOTIATES

10 WITH THE SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVES. THE SHERIFF DOESN'T-- IS

11 NOT INCLUDED IN NEGOTIATION FOR CONTRACTS WITH THE SHERIFF'S

12 REPRESENTATIVES. SO HAVING YOUR STAFF MEMBERS IS JUST AKIN TO

13 HAVING A BOARD MEMBER GOING TO REPORT RIGHT BACK TO YOU.

14 THAT'S THE REAL PROBLEM RIGHT THERE. IT'S NICE TO SEE THE

15 BUSINESS COMMUNITY HERE, THE AFFLUENT COMMUNITIES HERE AND THE

16 GREEN COMMUNITIES HERE. THE TIMEFRAME FOR THE ELECTIONS

17 INVOLVING PUTTING ON THE ABILITY TO SUBPOENA. WHY DON'T YOU

18 HAVE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE WHO ARE SO-- AND THAT IS THE

19 MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS WHOLE ITEM-- WHY DON'T YOU HAVE

20 THEM PUT TOGETHER AN INITIATIVE WHERE THEY CAN GO OUT AND GET

21 SIGNATURES AND FORCE YOU TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AND SEE WHAT

22 HAPPENS THEN? THAT WAY IT CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE YOU EVEN

23 HAVE TO CONSIDER IT. ALL YOU'D HAVE TO DO IS SAY WE HAVE THE

24 RECOMMENDED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES. IT'S ON. AND WE CAN VERIFY

25 THEM HAVE AND WE'D HAVE TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT INSTEAD OF

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1 WAITING FOR YOU. BECAUSE WHO KNOWS? YOU'LL JUST TAKE YOUR
2 TIME. THIS HAS ONLY BEEN GOING ON 10, 15, 20 YEARS. AND IF YOU
3 MISS THE BALLOT INITIATIVE TIMEFRAME, THEN IT'S ANOTHER
4 BALLOT. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO ABOUT
5 CONSOLIDATION OF POWER. I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS
6 QUOTED AS SAYING, DON'T GIVE UP THE POWER, THE FIRST RULE OF
7 POLITICS. UNFORTUNATELY HE WAS WRONG ABOUT THAT. MACHIAVELLI
8 WAS THE FIRST RULE OF POWER. "POWER CORRUPTS AND ABSOLUTE
9 POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY."

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS I'D
12 LIKE TO CALL UP. ERIC LOPEZ. CANEK PE A VARGAS. SHANNON SOPER.
13 ROBERT CRISTO AND ROBERT BRANCH.

14

15 **ERIC LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ERIC LOPEZ AND I
16 REPRESENT C.A.L.O. YOUTHBUILD. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT CIVILIAN
17 OVERSIGHT TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT COULD HELP US, THE
18 PEOPLE. THE NATURE OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS TO ENSURE THAT IT
19 IS CIVILIAN IN NATURE AND ORIENTATION. IT IS A MECHANISM BY
20 WHICH THE EXPERTISE OF CIVILIANS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE
21 EXPERIENCED SHERIFF VIOLENCE, SHAPE THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND
22 TRANSPARENCY PROCESS IN ORDER FOR THIS COMMISSION TO HAVE
23 CREDIBILITY AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS. IT MUST BE REFLECTIVE OF
24 THOSE MOST IMPACTED. LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
25 IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF THESE ENTITIES. LOS

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1 ANGELES HAS YET TO SEE HOW DEEP THE CORRUPTION GOES IN THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS AND HERE IS SOME INFO AND IDEAS ABOUT
3 WHY WE MIGHT WANT TO RESTRICT CURRENT AND FORMER LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT FROM SERVING ON THE COMMISSION. THE COUNTY MADE A
5 WORKING GROUP TO CREATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMISSION.
6 THE WORKING GROUPS SAY THAT WE WOULD AT LEAST RESTRICT CURRENT
7 LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FORMER SHERIFFS FROM BEING APPOINTED TO
8 THE COMMISSION. WE SHOULD LISTEN TO THESE RECOMMENDATIONS
9 BECAUSE THEY REPRESENT SIX MONTHS OF DEBATE AND COMMUNITY
10 INPUT. LAW ENFORCEMENT'S ALREADY OVERSEES OVER THE L.A.S.D.,
11 FOR EXAMPLE, THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL POLICY ADVISER. AND THE
12 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAW
13 ENFORCEMENT TO ENGAGE IN THE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM PROCESS, LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT. LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD FOCUS ON IMPROVING THESE
15 GROUPS INSTEAD OF TRYING TO TAKE SPACE ON A CIVILIAN REVIEW
16 BOARD. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

19

20 **CANEK PE A VARGAS:** MY NAME IS CANEK PE A VARGAS. I REPRESENT
21 C.A.L.O. YOUTHBUILD. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD
22 WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO MOVE THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
23 FORWARD, BUT LIKE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KUEHL, I ALSO HAVE
24 CONCERNS THAT I THINK WARRANT SOME AMENDMENTS BEFORE THE FINAL
25 C.R.B. IS APPROVED. TO EXPLAIN MY POINT I WANT TO DRAW ON THE

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1 NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS COORDINATED OUR COALITION,
2 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE DEFINITION OF
3 DIGNITY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT VALUE, HONOR AND RESPECT. FOR THE
4 VOICES OF THE COMMUNITY, FOR THE VOICES AND EXPERTISE OF THE
5 COMMUNITY THAT'S BEEN MOST AFFECTED. WHEN WE REALLY LOOK AT
6 IT. LAW ENFORCEMENT ALREADY HAS A SEAT AT THE TABLE. THEY
7 ALREADY HAVE A POWERFUL VOICE. AND BY INVITING THEM TO HAVE
8 ANOTHER SEAT AT THE TABLE THROUGH THE C.R.B. WOULD BE TO
9 REINFORCE THIS IDEA THAT THESE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS
10 OR SPECIALISTS MUST BE CALLED UPON TO EDUCATE COMMUNITY TO THE
11 ISSUE WHEN WE FEEL WHAT'S REALLY LACKING HERE AND THE WHOLE
12 PURPOSE OF C.R.B. IS TO VALUE AND CENTRALIZE THE VOICE AND
13 EXPERTISE OF THE COMMUNITY THAT'S BEEN MOST AFFECTED. AGAIN,
14 LAW ENFORCEMENT ALREADY HAS A VOICE. THEY ALREADY HAVE A SEAT.
15 THEY ALREADY HAVE DIGNITY. THEY ALREADY HAVE TO BE TREATED
16 WITH DIGNITY AND THEY ALREADY HAVE THIS POWER. A ONE YEAR BAN
17 ON LAW ENFORCEMENT WOULD JUST PUSH THE PROBLEM DOWN THE LINE
18 IN ORDER TO SATISFY FOLKS IN THE MOMENT, BUT WOULD NOT CREATE
19 A SUSTAINABLE LONG TERM SOLUTION. I BELIEVE THERE'S A
20 PRECEDENT FOR THIS. WHEN WE LOOK TO NEW YORK CITY, THERE'S A
21 COMMISSION THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT HAS BEEN
22 ABLE TO DO THEIR WORK EFFECTIVELY. NOW, WITH THE ISSUE OF
23 POWER, IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER THAT THIS WOULD BE A
24 COMMISSION WITHOUT POWER BUT INSTEAD WITH RESPONSIBILITIES. I
25 ASK US TO CONSIDER IF POWER IS THE ABILITY TO AFFECT

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1 CONDITIONS AND EFFECT CHANGE, THEN HOW CAN YOU REALLY HAVE
2 RESPONSIBILITY IF YOU DON'T HAVE POWER? SO I WANT TO REINFORCE
3 THIS IDEA THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE
4 STEPS NECESSARY TO GIVE THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD POWER.
5 LASTLY, YOU KNOW, I THINK I WOULD HAVE GREAT REGRET IF I LEFT
6 HERE TODAY WITHOUT ADDRESSING AN ISSUE THAT WAS BROUGHT UP
7 EARLIER WITH RESPECT TO UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE AND THEIR STAKE IN
8 THE ISSUE. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO NOTE, SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH, THAT WORDS LIKE "ILLEGAL" AND I KNOW YOU DIDN'T
10 USE THE WORD "ALIEN" BUT ALIEN AS WELL, ARE INHUMANE AND THEY
11 TRIGGER LOT OF PAIN FOR US WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THOSE
12 ISSUES. YOU KNOW, IT IS A FACT THAT UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE HAVE
13 SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES AND ARE VETERANS. AND IT'S
14 UNFORTUNATE THAT MANY TIMES THEY HAVE TO DIE BEFORE RECEIVING
15 POSTHUMOUS CITIZENSHIP. AND THOSE WHO DO SURVIVE THAT ORDEAL
16 ARE OFTENTIMES DEPORTED TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. SO I THINK
17 IT'S IMPORTANT TO FACT CHECK THIS AND MAKE SURE THAT WE
18 UNDERSTAND THAT UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE ARE A CENTRAL PART OF OUR
19 COMMUNITY. THEY PAY TAXES. THEY GO TO WORK. THEY RAISE THEIR
20 CHILDREN HERE. THEY ATTEND OUR SCHOOLS. AND BECAUSE THEY ARE
21 OFTENTIMES-- SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE MOST AFFECTED BY
22 THIS ISSUE, I THINK THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO PURPOSEFULLY
23 EXCLUDE THEM FROM A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD. THANK YOU.
24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

2

3 **ROBERT CRISTO:** HI, MY NAME IS ROBERT CRISTO. I'M AN L.A. BROWN
4 BERET, AND I'M ALSO AN ORGANIZER WITH C.L.U.E. JUSTICE AND A
5 MEMBER OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AND I ADVOCATE THAT WE
6 DO NOT HAVE ANY FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THIS BOARD
7 REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES-- HOW MUCH TIME THEY SPENT OFF
8 THE JOB. OFTEN WE ARE ASKED TO SEE THE HUMAN ELEMENT IN LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT, EMPATHIZE WITH THEIR HUMANITY. SO I LOOK AT THE
10 HUMANITY OF THIS, THE HUMANITY OF PUTTING A FORMER LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT PERSON ON THIS BOARD. AND HOW COULD ASK SOMEONE TO
12 PROSECUTE THEIR FRIENDS, THEIR FORMER FRIENDS? IF SOMEONE IS A
13 YEAR OFF THE JOB, THEY PROBABLY KNOW EVERYBODY THAT'S STILL
14 WORKING ON THE PATROL CARS, STILL WORKING ON THE SHIFTS. HOW
15 COULD YOU ASK THEM TO BE A WATCHDOG FOR THEIR BUDDIES? YOU'RE
16 PUTTING A REAL HUMAN IN A REAL HARD POSITION. YOU'RE TRYING TO
17 TRUST THEM TO OVERSEE THEM, TO OVERSEE THE PEOPLE THEY KNEW,
18 THEY SHARED HOLIDAYS WITH, THEY SHARED FAMILY OCCASIONS WHO
19 COULD THEY BE ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT FEELING THEY'RE
20 BETRAYING ONE OF THEIR OWN? SO WHY PUT SOMEBODY IN THIS
21 POSITION. WHY PUT THE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THIS
22 POSITION? ALSO I WANT TO EMPHASIZE, THIS IS SUPPOSED TO A
23 CIVILIAN BODY, MADE WITH CIVILIANS. A PERSON WHO IS FORMER LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT, THEY MAY HAVE TRANSITIONED BACK TO CIVILIAN LIFE
25 BUT THEY WILL ALWAYS BE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. JUST LIKE I

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1 WILL ALWAYS BE AN ORGANIZER, EVEN IF I GO TO SCHOOL AFTER
2 THIS. I WILL LEAVE YOU WITH ONE LAST COMMENT. NO HUMAN BEING
3 IS ILLEGAL AND THAT'S DIRECTED AT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I
4 CEDE THE REST OF MY TIME TO KIM MCGILL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

7

8 **SHANNON SOPER:** HI, I'M SHANNON SOPER WITH DIGNITY AND POWER
9 NOW. A COUPLE MONTHS AGO JUST A COUPLE BLOCKS FROM HERE AT THE
10 COURTHOUSE, A DEPUTY WAS FACING ALLEGATIONS AND STILL IS
11 FACING ALLEGATIONS THAT HE SEXUALLY ABUSED SOMEONE IN THE
12 INTERVIEW ROOM. AND WHEN THEY WENT TO THE INTERVIEW ROOM TO
13 FIND HIS D.N.A., THEY FOUND FIVE SEMEN SAMPLES IN THAT ROOM.
14 YEAH. THESE BEHAVIORS, SUCH AS RAPING A WOMAN AT A TRAFFIC
15 STOP OR HAVING SEX WITH A 16-YEAR-OLD EXPLORER, OR A NUMBER OF
16 THINGS, HAVING SEX WITH A WOMAN WHO USED A WHEELCHAIR WITHIN
17 THE JAIL, THESE ARE SYSTEMIC ISSUES AND THEY'RE BEHAVIORAL
18 PATTERNS. AND THIS KIND OF FRAT THE MENTALITY IS NOT GOING TO
19 GO AWAY JUST BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN RETIRED FOR A YEAR. JUST
20 LOOK AT THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, THE BIGGEST POLICE
21 UNION IN THE COUNTRY, THEY VERY RASHLY AND BLATANTLY JUST
22 PUBLICLY THREATENED A CELEBRITY DIRECTOR, JUST TO SHOW YOU THE
23 TYPE OF BEHAVIOR THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH. AND ANYONE WHO
24 HASN'T BEEN TO THE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS FOR SIX MONTHS OR
25 THE NINE TOWN HALLS OR ALL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1 MEETINGS, ANYONE THAT YOU TELL THAT THERE IS RETIRED LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT ON A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD WILL KNOW THAT'S WRONG.
3 AND THAT'S HOW THE PUBLIC WILL LOOK AT THIS. AND THAT'S IT.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD
7 AGAIN, I WANT TO CALL SOME MORE WITNESSES UP. SUSAN BURTON.
8 ROBERT ZARDENETA. IRVIN XOCHITLA PASTOR CUE. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **ROBERT BRANCH:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT BRANCH AND I'M
11 WITH C.L.U.E. I ACTUALLY WANT TO COME AT THIS CIVILIAN
12 OVERSIGHT FROM A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE. AND THAT IS ALL OF US
13 IN THIS ROOM, OUR FAMILIES, OUR MOTHERS, BROTHERS, SISTERS,
14 COUSINS, UNCLES, GRANDPARENTS, SOMETIMES WE FIND OURSELVES IN
15 A SPOT AS FAR AS THE LAW IS CONCERNED. AND IT MAY BE MISTAKEN
16 IDENTITY. IT MAY BE A GRAVE LOOK AT SOMEBODY'S SITUATION AND
17 SAY "THAT'S THE ONE" OR WHAT HAVE YOU. AND IF YOU HAVE A
18 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT THAT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PEOPLE, HOW CAN
19 YOU REALLY HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ON IT? AND, YES, IT ALSO NEEDS
20 SUBPOENA POWER OR A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, BECAUSE THE GOAL,
21 I THINK, IS TO RE-ESTABLISH TRUST WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND I
22 THINK THAT'S KEY FOR THIS COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR. SUSAN.

25

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1 **SUSAN BURTON:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, COMMISSIONERS. IT'S SO GOOD
2 TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS SUSAN BURTON. I AM THE EXECUTIVE
3 DIRECTOR OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE AND A COMMISSIONER ON THE SYBIL
4 BRAND COMMISSION. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I FILLED THE SEAT OF A
5 FORMER RETIRED SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ON THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION.
6 SO THERE WAS A LOT TO DO WHEN I GOT INTO THAT SEAT, BUT IT'S
7 BEING DONE. YOU KNOW, IF SAM COOKE WAS HERE TODAY, HE'D SAY,
8 IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, BUT A CHANGE IS GOING TO COME.
9 AND IT'S HERE NOW. I BELIEVE THAT IT'S A NEW TIME IN THE
10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AROUND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND A NEW TIME
11 TODAY IN L.A. WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I
12 TOTALLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION FOR A POLICE COMMISSION. I'M IN
13 THE JAILS REGULARLY. I'M IN THE JAILS WEEKLY. WHAT I SEE
14 HAPPENING THERE IS HORRIBLE. WE BRING IT TO THE SHERIFF'S
15 ATTENTION. AND WITH MUCH PRESSING, MUCH BACK AND FORTH, WE SEE
16 THAT THINGS ARE GETTING DONE AND ARE CHANGING BUT IT'S NOT
17 ENOUGH AND IT'S NOT QUICK ENOUGH. IN BUILDING THIS COMMISSION,
18 I RECOMMEND THAT THESE COMMISSIONERS ARE FULL-TIME. NOT PART
19 OF THE TIME. THERE'S SO MUCH TO BE DONE THERE. IT'S GOING TO
20 TAKE FULL-TIME COMMITMENT TO GET IT DONE. SO I JUST COMMEND
21 YOU AND I WANT TO SAY AGAIN IF SAM COOKE WAS HERE, HE'D SAY
22 IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING, BUT A CHANGE IS GOING TO COME.
23 THANKS.
24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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1

2 **IRVIN XOCHITLA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS IRVIN XOCHITLA. I
3 AM A STUDENT FROM C.A.L.O. YOUTHBUILD AND ALSO A YOUTH
4 ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES BROWN BERETS AND I'M HERE
5 OPPOSING ITEM NO. 8 ON ALLOWING A FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT TO BE
6 PART OF THIS COMMISSION FOR THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. THE
7 PURPOSE FOR THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS FOR THE COMMUNITY TO
8 HAVE INDIVIDUALS FROM THE COMMUNITY VOTED AND TRUSTED TO BE
9 PART OF THIS COMMISSION TO WATCH OVER THE LOS ANGELES
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ALLOWING FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO HAVE
11 BEEN PART OF THE SHERIFF'S CORRUPT SYSTEM WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH
12 C.R.B. WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REPUTATION OF ABUSE. WE WANT AN
13 INDEPENDENT C.R.B. FREE FROM ASSOCIATION TO CORRUPT
14 INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE L.A.S.D. I MYSELF WAS VICTIM OF THEIR
15 ABUSE OF POWER AND HAVE WITNESSED SHERIFF'S OFFICERS ABUSE
16 THEIR POWER WITH YOUTH FROM THE COMMUNITY, TREATING THEM
17 UNFAIR. SO OF COURSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO ACCEPT OR ALLOW A
18 FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT TO BE PART OF THIS COMMISSION. LIKE I
19 MENTIONED EARLIER, WE WANT COMMUNITY INDIVIDUALS THAT
20 COMMUNITY TRUSTS TO BE PART OF THIS COMMISSION. NOT FOR
21 C.R.B., NOT FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT WILL USE FEAR AND
22 HARASS OUR PEOPLE. AND IF THE SHERIFFS WERE ABLE TO POLICE
23 THEMSELVES, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS SITUATION. IT'S SIMPLE AS
24 THAT. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

2

3 **ROBERT ZARDENETA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROBERT ZARDENETA.

4 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF C.A.L.O. YOUTHBUILD IN EAST LOS

5 ANGELES AND A LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH I

6 SERVE. I OPPOSE ANY PAST OR PRESENT MEMBERS OF LAW

7 ENFORCEMENT'S PARTICIPATION ON THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT

8 COMMISSION. ALLOWING FORMER SHERIFFS TO SIT ON THE COMMISSION

9 WILL GREATLY UNDERMINE THE MISSION OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS

10 CREDIBILITY. IT'S A TRAGEDY THAT OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN

11 MY WORK, I PERSONALLY HAVE LOST JUST AS MANY YOUNG PEOPLE TO

12 POLICE VIOLENCE AND GANG VIOLENCE. IT PAINS ME THAT SO MANY OF

13 THOSE FAMILIES CONTINUE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES WITHOUT CLOSURE OR

14 JUSTICE, BECAUSE THERE CAN BE NO JUSTICE IN A SYSTEM WHERE THE

15 POLICE POLICE THEMSELVES. LAW ENFORCEMENT ALREADY IS INVOLVED

16 IN OVERSIGHT, THEREFORE LATERAL MOVEMENTS ARE NOT PROGRESS.

17 OUR COMMISSIONERS NEED TO BE AGENTS OF CHANGE IN ORDER FOR

18 THIS COMMISSION TO HAVE TEETH I FEEL THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT

19 PARTICIPATION WILL FIGHT TO PRESERVE AND JUSTIFY A POLICE

20 CULTURE THAT HAS FAILED OUR COMMUNITIES. OUR YOUTH AND OUR

21 PARTNERS HAVE FOUGHT TOO LONG TO ADVOCATE FOR MEANINGFUL

22 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. ANY POSITION FILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

23 TAKES AWAY A VOICE FROM OUR COMMUNITIES, VOICES THAT WILL BEST

24 ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND REBUILD COMMUNITY

25 FAITH IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. IN CLOSING, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE

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1 MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY WHO ARE FATAL VICTIMS OF POLICE
2 VIOLENCE. JOURNALIST RUBIN SALAZAR. YOUTHBUILD ALUM, EDUARDO
3 BERMUDEZ. RICARDO LARA. CARLOS OLIVAS. EZELL FORD. STEVEN
4 RODRIGUEZ AND ALSO YOUTHBUILD GRADUATES ROBERT CARRILLO AND
5 HIS BROTHER GABRIEL CARRILLO WHO ARE LITERALLY THE FACE OF
6 SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS. THANK YOU FOR
7 YOUR TIME.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE GO TO THE NEXT WITNESS, I
10 WANT TO CALL UP OTHER INDIVIDUALS. MARY SUTTON, SIDNEY ROSS-
11 RISDEN, JESSICA FARRIS, AND EUNISSES HERNANDEZ.

12

13 **PASTOR JEAN-MARIE CUE:** MY NAME IS PASTOR CUE. I'M WITH THE
14 BLACK JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE. WELL, OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
15 AFRAID. WE HAVE BEEN AFRAID FOR A LONG TIME. OUR AGENCY IS
16 BASED ON OUR FEAR. LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE MANY PROTECTIONS BY
17 LAW. BUT WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ENTRUSTED TO PROTECT US ABUSE
18 BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES AT AN OVERWHELMINGLY GREATER
19 DEGREE, WHO'S GOING TO PROTECT US? WHERE SHOULD WE GO? SHOULD
20 WE COME TO YOU? WHO CAN WE TRUST WHEN WE CAN'T TRUST THE
21 SHERIFF? FOR US, THIS IS NOT A MATTER OF PROCESS BECAUSE THE
22 LONGER THE PROCESS, THE GREATER THE STRESS. FOR US THIS IS A
23 MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I KEEP HEARING
24 IT'S A START. BUT I'M FEARFUL THAT THIS MAY BE A FALSE START.
25 I'M VERY FEARFUL OF FALSE STARTS BECAUSE THAT MEANS WE WILL

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1 AGAIN BE DISQUALIFIED AND WILL BE KILLED ON THE STREETS OR BE
2 KILLED IN THE JAIL OR ABUSED IN THE JAIL. WE HAVE BEEN HERE
3 BEFORE. WE HAVE MANY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSIONS, MOST OF THEM
4 ARE INEFFECTIVE. SINCE THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A CIVILIAN
5 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE CIVILIANS NEED THE POWER.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

8

9 **MARY SUTTON:** HI, MY NAME IS MARY SUTTON, I'M A STUDENT IN
10 URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AT ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY AND A MEMBER OF
11 L.A. NO MORE JAILS COALITION. IT IS A NEW YEAR, AND HERE WE
12 ARE. I HOPE IT WILL BE A YEAR WHEN THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS WILL REGARD THE HARD WORK OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
14 WHO WORK IN THINGS LIKE THEY HAVE THE LAST SIX MONTHS, LIKE
15 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND WILL STOP LETTING THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT RULE THE DAY. FIRST OFF, I WANT TO SAY I DO SUPPORT
17 THE IDEA OF A TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION. IT IS A
18 HUGE CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO EVEN CONSIDER AND A JOKE TO EVEN
19 CONSIDER THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT BE ON THIS COMMISSION. AND THAT
20 THEY WILL HOLD THEIR FRATERNAL MEMBERS ACCOUNTABLE. THE FACT
21 THAT SUCH OVERSIGHT IS NEEDED BECAUSE OF DECADES OF REPEATED
22 BRUTAL ABUSE, VIOLENT BEHAVIOR AND EVEN ASSASSINATIONS BY
23 MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE GANGS WITHIN, LIKE
24 THE VIKINGS GANG, THIS IS ALL ON RECORD. THIS IS A PUBLIC
25 AGENCY. ANY ASTUTE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC COULD SEE THAT A

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1 PERSON OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A FORMER POLICE ON THIS
2 COMMITTEE IS A FALSE SOLUTION. I RECENTLY HEARD TESTIMONY OF A
3 YOUNG WOMAN I MET WITH WHO WAS IN THE JAIL FOR A MONTH, THE
4 WOMEN'S JAIL, FOR A MONTH BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC TICKETS? SHE WAS
5 IN THE JAIL FOR A MONTH. AND SHE WITNESSED ABUSE BY WOMEN'S
6 GUARDS, MULTIPLE WOMEN'S GUARDS HOLDING VULNERABLE WOMEN WITH
7 MENTAL ILLNESS AND CHIDING THEM, ABUSING THEM AND HOLDING
8 THEM, VERBAL ABUSE AND CALLING NAMES. WHEN WOMEN CHECK IN,
9 THEY EXPOSE THEIR GENITALS IN FRONT OF EACH OTHER. PEOPLE THAT
10 ARE H.I.V. POSITIVE--

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME EXPIRED.

13
14 **MARY SUTTON:** -- ARE EXPOSED.

15
16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

17
18 **MARY SUTTON:** AND THEY ARE ALLOWED TO TOUCH FOODS AFTERWARDS.

19
20 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** MA'AM, PLEASE YOUR TIME HAS NOW
21 EXPIRED. THANK YOU, MA'AM. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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1 **JESSICA FARRIS:** HI, MY NAME IS JESSICA FARRIS. I AM WITH THE
2 A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND WHILE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
3 IS A LONG TIME COMING FOR THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
4 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND WE DO THANK THE BOARD FOR ITS EFFORTS THUS
5 FAR, WE DO STRONGLY URGE THE BOARD TO TABLE THIS MOTION AND
6 MEET WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS PUSHING FOR VIGOROUS OVERSIGHT TO
7 FURTHER DISCUSS OUR GRAVE CONCERNS, INCLUDING AMONG OTHER
8 ISSUES, THAT THE BOARD SHOULD PLAN DEFINITELY TO PLACE A
9 CHARTER AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT TO PUT THE SUBPOENA POWER
10 QUESTION TO VOTERS RATHER THAN MERELY DISCUSSING WHETHER TO DO
11 SO IN THE FUTURE. THAT THIS MOTION DOESN'T CLARIFY WHETHER THE
12 COMMISSION WILL BE ABLE TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR
13 GENERAL. AND UNLESS THE BOARD CONFERS ON THE COMMISSION ITS
14 FULL AUTHORITY TO DIRECT THE O.I.G., THE COMMISSION WILL BE
15 TOO DEPENDENT ON THE O.I.G.'S JUDGMENTS ABOUT WHAT INFORMATION
16 TO SHARE TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL ADDITIONAL OVERSIGHT. AND THAT
17 A COMMISSION WITH FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS WILL SURELY
18 AND DEEPLY SABOTAGE THIS COMMISSION'S CREDIBILITY WITH
19 COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO, BY THE WAY, SHOULD BE FAR MORE INVOLVED
20 IN THE COMMISSIONER SELECTION PROCESS AND SHOULD ESPECIALLY BE
21 INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE WEIGHTED SYSTEM TO CALL APPLICANTS,
22 RATHER THAN LEAVING THAT TO ONE INDEPENDENT EXECUTIVE SEARCH
23 CONSULTANT. SO AGAIN WE URGE YOU TO TABLE THIS MOTION AND TO
24 MEET WITH GROUPS TO MAKE THIS THE STRONGEST COMMISSION

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1 POSSIBLE. AND ONE THAT L.A. COUNTY NEEDS AND DESERVES. THANK
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

5

6 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS EUNISSES
7 HERNANDEZ WITH DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. THIS MOTION REPRESENTS
8 HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION EXECUTED BY YOUR
9 COMMUNITIES, YOUR DEPUTIES AND YOUR COUNTY ESTABLISHED WORKING
10 GROUP. THIS MOTION WILL ESTABLISH A ONE-TIME APPOINTMENT
11 PROCESS THAT INCLUDES VERY LITTLE COMMUNITY INPUT. WE URGE YOU
12 TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE AN APPOINTMENT PROCESS THAT
13 PERMANENTLY BUILDS COMMUNITY INPUT AT EVERY STEP. AS IT
14 STANDS, THE MOTION RESTRICTS THE COMMUNITY VOICE THAT WORKED
15 SO HARD TO GET THIS C.O.C. ON THE AGENDA. THE NATURE OF
16 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS TO ENSURE THAT IT IS CIVILIAN IN NATURE
17 AND ORIENTATION. THE COUNTY ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP,
18 DELIBERATED AND RECOMMENDED RESTRICTING CURRENT LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT AND FORMER SHERIFFS FROM BEING APPOINTED. GIVEN
20 THE LENGTH OF BOTH TANAKA SHERIFF BACA'S LEADERSHIP IN THE
21 DEPARTMENT, EXTENDING BACK AT LEAST 10 YEARS, ALLOWING FORMER
22 OR CURRENT SHERIFFS TO SIT ON THE COMMISSION WOULD GREATLY
23 UNDERMINE THE COMMISSION'S MISSION AND ITS CREDIBILITY. PLEASE
24 TAKE TIME TO RECONSIDER THE ISSUES THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS

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1 BROUGHT FORTH TODAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS
2 THESE ISSUES AND THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP EVAN
5 BUNCH. GREG AKILI. EDDIE SANCHEZ. JONATHAN KLEIN. AND I DID
6 CALL UP SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN, I BELIEVE. THANK YOU. PLEASE JUST
7 INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

8

9 **EVAN BUNCH:** MY NAME IS EVAN BUNCH HAVE I'M COMING FROM DIGNITY
10 AND POWER NOW. ALL THE DIGNITY AND POWER FOLKS SAY HELLO.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF.

13

14 **EVAN BUNCH:** WELL UNFORTUNATELY WE'RE HERE NOT TO CELEBRATE BUT
15 FOR SOME REASON HILDA AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU ALL ARE CO-
16 AUTHORIZING A WAY FOR SHERIFFS TO GET ON THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
17 COMMISSION. AND UNFORTUNATELY, YOU ALL REPRESENTED DISTRICTS
18 THAT EXPERIENCE THE BRUNT OF SHERIFF VIOLENCE, BUT YET FIND
19 ROOM TO HAVE THESE FOLKS PARTICIPATE ON CHECKING THE SHERIFF'S
20 DEPARTMENT. AND I DO HAVE A QUESTION. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT
21 WHAT MOVED YOU ALL TO OPEN UP THE FLOOR FOR SHERIFFS TO CHECK
22 SHERIFFS? I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU ALL COULD SEE HOW THAT
23 COULD HAVE ANYTHING ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THIS BODY. THE SHERIFF'S
24 DEPARTMENT, THE LOS ANGELES JAIL SYSTEM IS RIDDLED WITH BLACK
25 AND BROWN FOLKS THAT ARE CONSISTENTLY BEING BEAT DOWN AND

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1 UNFORTUNATELY FOR SOME WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THAT JAIL
2 SYSTEM, BUT YET YOU FIND A WAY TO FIND THAT THIS BODY COULD
3 CHECK OR CURE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BY ADDING SHERIFFS. I'M
4 TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE DID YOU ALL FIND THE INSPIRATION TO
5 ADD SHERIFFS TO THIS BODY? I MEAN, DID THE POLICE MINIONS CALL
6 YOU? I MEAN, WHAT HAPPENED? THIS IS A MOMENT WHEN YOU EVEN,
7 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU CALLED SOMEBODY HERE BELLIGERENT FOR
8 EVEN TRYING TO GO UP AGAINST CREATING THIS BODY. BUT YET I
9 HAVE TO CALL YOU OUT BECAUSE THERE'S A BELLIGERENCE THAT'S
10 GOING ON WITHIN YOU TO PUT SHERIFFS ON THIS BODY. I'M NOT
11 UNDERSTANDING WHERE THIS IS COMING FROM.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED. NEXT
14 WITNESS, PLEASE.

15

16 **GREG AKILI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME'S
17 GREG AKILI AND I'M WITH THE BLACK COMMUNITY CLERGY AND LABOR
18 ALLIANCE AND BLACK LIVES MATTERS L.A. AND I WANT TO REMIND US
19 HOW WE GOT HERE. WE ARE HERE NOT BECAUSE OF ENLIGHTENMENT OR
20 VISIONARY. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF A CORRUPT AND ABUSIVE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE PEOPLE DON'T TRUST
22 AND HAVE CREDIBILITY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO THIS
23 COMMISSION HAS TO HAVE AT LEAST THREE THINGS: ONE, PERMANENT
24 VESTED INPUT AND SELECTION PROCESS FROM THE COMMUNITY. TWO, NO
25 LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND, THREE, SUBPOENA POWER. WITHOUT THOSE

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1 THREE THINGS, THE CREDIBILITY AND THE TRUST THAT YOU SEEK TO
2 BUILD, YOU CANNOT BECAUSE THE PERCEPTION IS THAT THIS IS JUST
3 ANOTHER RUBBER STAMP. AND HISTORY IS NOT ON OUR SIDE WITH
4 THIS. IF YOU REMEMBER, WE HAVE CREATED THESE COMMISSIONS
5 BEFORE AND THEY HAVE BEEN PERCEIVED AS RUBBER STAMPS FOR LAW
6 ENFORCEMENT. THIS DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT. WITH THOSE THREE
7 AMENDMENTS, WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU INCLUDE, ONE, A PERMANENT
8 VESTING AND INPUT PROCESS FOR SELECTION. TWO, NO LAW
9 ENFORCEMENTS. THREE, SUBPOENA POWER. WE THINK WITH THOSE THREE
10 PROVISIONS, THIS COMMISSION CAN BE SOMETHING OF AN HISTORIC
11 NATURE AND THAT OTHER PEOPLE WILL LOOK TO. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS?

14

15 **JONATHAN KLEIN:** HI, RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN, CLERGY AND LAITY
16 UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE WHICH HAS THE BLACK JEWISH JUSTICE
17 ALLIANCE AS PART OF IT AND I'M ALSO PERSONALLY A MEMBER OF THE
18 A.C.L.U. BOARD. AND I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE MAJORITY
19 OPINION WAS STILL IN FAVOR OF THOSE THREE ISSUES THAT WERE
20 DISCUSSED. IT WASN'T UNANIMITY BUT IT WAS A MAJORITY OPINION
21 THAT THERE BE SUBPOENA POWER AND THAT THERE NOT BE FORMER
22 PERSONNEL ON THIS BOARD AND ALSO A BIT ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION
23 OF THIS BOARD. LOOK, I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GOING TO DO WHAT
24 YOU'RE GOING TO DO, BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT A COUPLE OF HOLES
25 IN THE STRUCTURE. NUMBER ONE, IT MENTIONS AS A MOTION THAT

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1 THIS IS THE INAUGURAL SELECTION PROCESS, WHICH MEANS WE DON'T
2 KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN AFTER THIS SELECTION PROCESS.
3 THERE'S NOTHING THAT I CAN SEE IN THE MOTION THAT INDICATES
4 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. NUMBER TWO, YOU'RE LOOKING AT BREAKING
5 IT DOWN TO FOUR PEOPLE AFTER-- YOU ONLY GET SIX. AND, YES, IT
6 DID SAY THAT THE UNANIMOUS POSITIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP
7 WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS MOTION, BUT ONE OF THOSE PIECES WAS
8 ABOUT GUARANTEEING DIVERSITY. I DON'T SEE HOW HAVING ONLY SIX
9 CANDIDATES WILL ALLOW YOU TO REASSURE THE COMMUNITY THAT
10 DIVERSITY WILL TRULY BE A PART OF IT WITH ALL THE PIECES THAT
11 ARE THERE. I THINK YOU'RE NARROWING IT DOWN TOO MUCH FOR THIS
12 BOARD TO BE CHOOSING AT THAT LATE STAGE IN THE GAME. AND THEN,
13 THIRDLY, I THINK THAT WE ARE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH MS.
14 KUEHL'S CONCERNS AROUND THE VERY FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF WHAT IT
15 MEANS TO RE-ESTABLISH TRUST IN THE COMMUNITY. I WISH THAT IT
16 WAS JUST ABOUT THE GOOD FEELING THAT WE HAVE AND THE
17 CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE IN OUR ELECTED SHERIFF AND THE
18 INSPECTOR GENERAL, BUT IT REALLY ISN'T ABOUT THAT. IT'S ABOUT
19 CREATING A SYSTEM THAT WILL SURPASS ANY ONE ELECTED LEADER. SO
20 WE REALLY HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION THAT
21 ROUND THAT PIECE, AS WELL.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. EDDY SANCHEZ. MARK ANTHONY
24 JOHNSON. TUTAYA KATE. CHRISTINE WANG. AND IRENE PANG.

25

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1 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON
2 WITH DIGNITY POWER NOW. WE COME TO THIS MEETING THIS MORNING
3 OBVIOUSLY WITH GRAVE CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT THIS COMMISSION IS
4 GOING TO LOOK LIKE. IT HAS OBVIOUSLY TAKEN US A LONG TIME TO
5 GET HERE. WE WANT TO COMMEND THE WORK OF SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS FOR HELPING US GET TO THIS POINT. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO
7 COMMEND THE WORK OF OUR PARTNERS AND SPECIFICALLY OF THE
8 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE JAILS, THAT HAVE BEEN IN THIS
9 PROCESS, WHO HAVE BEEN HAVING P.T.S.D. SITTING IN WORKING
10 GROUP MEETINGS, WHO HAD TO TAKE DAYS OFF OF WORK BECAUSE OF
11 ANXIETY GETTING TRIGGERED BY SITTING IN DEBATES AROUND WHETHER
12 THEIR LIVES MATTER. THIS, WHAT IS ON THE TABLE RIGHT NOW, IS
13 NOT GOING TO MEET OUR NEEDS. HOW IS IT IN THE ERA WHERE
14 PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS SAID THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER IS A
15 LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE WOULD WE WRITE A MOTION THAT SAYS WE
16 CANNOT OVERTLY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT? WHY WOULD
17 WE BLUR THE CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY OF THE WORD DISCRIMINATION TO
18 JUSTIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT'S ROLE ON THIS COMMISSION? AT THE SAME
19 TIME, WHEN PAUL TANAKA IS ON TRIAL, AT THE SAME TIME THAT
20 SHERIFF BACA HAS BEEN DENIED IMMUNITY IN THAT TRIAL, WHY WOULD
21 WE CONSIDER AND EVEN ENTERTAIN FORMER SHERIFFS BEING ON THIS
22 COMMISSION? THAT IS A DANGEROUSLY PROBLEMATIC PROPOSITION. WE
23 SPENT SIX MONTHS IN THE WORKING GROUP PROCESS WHERE THE
24 A.L.A.D.S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID TO US THAT DISCRIMINATING
25 AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT IS THE SAME THING AS DISCRIMINATING

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1 AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE. WHY WOULD THESE SUPERVISORS ALIGN
2 THEMSELVES WITH THAT ANALYSIS? WE ARE HERE-- WE ARE HERE
3 BECAUSE WE SPENT SIX MONTHS FIGHTING FOR RECOMMENDATION. EVERY
4 WORKING GROUP MEETING. EVERY TOWN HALL. MEETING WITH WORKING
5 GROUP MEMBERS. EVERY SINGLE THING THAT WE DID, PLAYED BY THE
6 BOOK. WANT A RECOMMENDATION THAT INCLUDED THE INSPECTOR
7 GENERAL, 4-3 TO RESTRICT FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND HERE WE
8 ARE WITH AN EXACT OPPOSITE MOTION. AND YOU EXPECT US TO
9 BELIEVE THAT COMMUNITY INPUT IN THIS PROCESS WILL BE ANYTHING
10 MORE THAN SYMBOLIC? YOU CANNOT EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT AT
11 THIS POINT. GIVEN THE WORK THAT WE HAVE PUT IN. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. IF WE CAN HAVE
14 QUIET. JUST RAISE THE ROOF. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

15

16 **IRENE PANG:** -- ON FILM WHERE THEY'RE TELLING THE OFFICER. YOU
17 NOT CAN SEE THE OFFICER. VERY DANGEROUS. MANY TIMES. EVEN
18 THOUGH IT'S A CURING CONDITION TO THE UNITED STATES OFFICER
19 WHEN THEY-- DURING THE DUTY TIME. WHAT IS GOING ON? THIS THE
20 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THEY'RE DISQUALIFY FROM THEIR
21 POSITION. [INAUDIBLE] UNDER INVESTIGATION AND THEN TELL THEM
22 TO LEAVE. HOW CAN THEY SAY DISCRIMINATION? UNITED STATES
23 GOVERNMENT HAD A LAW. YOU AVENGE THE UNITED STATES LAW AND
24 AGAINST THE ROE, THEY HAVE TO FIGHT. EVERY-- THIS COUNTRY. NO.
25 JUST YOU, JUST ONE. [INAUDIBLE] UNITED STATES- MANY TIME AND

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1 THEN WE NEED OFFICER INJURY AND EVEN THEY PUT THE BOMB IN
2 THEIR HAND. THE BLOOD SPIN OUT OF FACE, AND THAT KIND OF
3 SITUATION. WHAT'S GOING ON? THIS IS A GOOD PERSON. YOU WANT
4 GET THE POSITION FROM THE UNITED STATES OFFICER OUT AND TAKE
5 THEIR POSITION. THIS IS UNITED STATES, THEIR OWN COUNTRY. YOU
6 HAVE TO RESPECT. THEY HAD THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT HAD ARRANGED
7 WHICH NEIGHBOR AND WHO'S QUALIFIED AND DO BETTER JOB. THE
8 GOVERNMENT HAD THE IDEA. WHY THEY TAKE ON THE OFFICERS SO
9 SERIOUSLY? YOU WANT TO TAKE THE OFFER? WHEN YOU COME UP INTO
10 THIS COUNTRY, EVERYBODY WANT TO WORK BUT BY THE TIME YOU HAVE
11 TO QUALIFY AND TAKE THE EXAM AND EDUCATION AND TAKE ON, NOT
12 JUST, I WANT THE JOB. YOU HAVE TO ASK. DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.
13 PLEASE RESPECT UNITED STATES NATION. OUR COUNTRY ALSO THEY
14 RESPECT OTHERS, TRY TO DO OUR BEST FOR ALL. THANK YOU. THIS IS
15 IRENE PANG. THIS IS MY TIME WRITING IN THE PAPER.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
18 FOR COMING. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. NEXT
19 WITNESS.

20

21 **CHRISTINE WANG:** I'M CHRISTINE WANG WITH CRITICAL RESISTANCE IN
22 THE LOS ANGELES NO MORE JAILS COALITION HAVE I AM HERE TO
23 SUPPORT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
24 COMMISSION NEEDS SUBPOENA POWER. IMAGINE IF TANAKA WAS
25 SUBPOENAED YEARS AGO, L.A. WOULD HAVE BEEN SPARED AN

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1 EMBARRASSING FEDERAL TRIAL. ALSO, I HOPE THAT THE COMMISSION
2 IS MADE UP OF CIVILIANS ONLY, NO FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OR
3 SHERIFFS. THIRDLY, I WOULD LIKE THE NEW CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
4 COMMISSION TO HAVE AS EASY A JOB AS POSSIBLE. DON'T BUILD THE
5 NEW WOMEN'S JAIL. YOU WOULD BE HIRING MORE SHERIFFS THAT THE
6 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WOULD THEN HAVE TO OVERSEE. JAILS ARE
7 INHERENTLY VIOLENT. TODAY WE SUBMIT THIS LETTER TO THE C.E.O.
8 AND THE BOARD SAYING THAT THE WOMEN'S JAIL IS ENVIRONMENTALLY
9 AND SOCIALLY TOXIC. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE GO TO THE NEXT
12 WITNESS, LET ME CALL UP KAREN LANE. RAY LEWIS. GUADALUPE
13 CHAVEZ. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

14

15 **TUTAYA KATE:** YES, HELLO. MY NAME IS TUTAYA KATE. I'M HERE ON
16 BEHALF OF CRITICAL RESISTANCE LOS ANGELES AND TO SHOW MY
17 SUPPORT FOR A NUMBER OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE TURNED UP
18 TODAY. I WANTED TO SAY THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS VERY INTERESTING
19 AT A NUMBER OF THE BOARD MEMBERS' INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, THE
20 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO TALKED ABOUT WANTING TO RESTORE PUBLIC
21 TRUST AND PUBLIC CONFIDENCE. THAT WAS YOU, SIR, RIDLEY-THOMAS.
22 PEOPLE WANTING TO-- BOARD MEMBER SOLIS TALKED ABOUT A FAIR,
23 COMPASSIONATE AND EFFECTIVE 21ST CENTURY. AND THEN ALL THE
24 MEMBERS OF YOUR PANEL ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE NEED TO REINSTATE
25 THE RESPECT FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF LOS ANGELES. I

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1 THINK THERE'S A REALLY SAD IRONY THERE. THE AMOUNT OF RESPECT
2 THAT THIS BOARD SEEMS TO BE DESPERATE FOR FROM THE PEOPLE OF
3 LOS ANGELES. AND THE TRUTH IS THAT THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED,
4 CURRENTLY INCARCERATED AND SOON TO BE INCARCERATED CITIZENS OF
5 LOS ANGELES DO NOT OWE RESPECT IN A LOT OF WAYS TO THE PEOPLE
6 THAT DO THAT TO THEM. AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE THIS COMMISSION
7 NEEDS TO START IS FROM UNDERSTANDING THAT PLACE. IF THIS BOARD
8 IS LOOKING FOR A LITTLE BIT MORE RESPECT FROM THE CITIZENS OF
9 THIS CITY AND FROM THIS STATE, THEN I SUGGEST THAT YOU START
10 BY RESPECTING THEM AND BY PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
11 CITIZENS TO REALLY OVERSEE THE SYSTEMS THAT HAVE VIOLENT AND
12 DIRECT EFFECTS ON THEIR LIVES AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH
13 THEM. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

16

17 **KAREN LANE** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S KAREN LANE. I'M AN
18 **ORGANIZER, A MEMBER WITH COMMUNITY COALITION. DIGNITY AND**
19 **POWER NOW AND THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE HOSTED ONE**
20 **OF ITS FIRST MEETINGS A FEW YEARS AGO AT THE HEADQUARTERS AT**
21 **COMMUNITY COALITION. AND OVER 50 PEOPLE STARTED TO SHARE**
22 **STORIES OF VIOLENCE THAT THEY HAD EXPERIENCED AT THE HANDS OF**
23 **SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES. BUT ONE STORY STANDS OUT IN PARTICULAR.**
24 **THAT WAS THAT OF TIMOTHY, ONE OF OUR YOUTH ORGANIZERS, WHO WAS**
25 **16 YEARS OLD AT CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL, THAT STARTED TO TELL A**

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1 STORY OF HIS BROTHER. AND HE STARTED THE STORY BY SAYING MY
2 BROTHER WAS ARRESTED. AND THEN HE STOPPED. SPEECHLESS. AND
3 SIMPLY ENDED BY SAYING HE'S NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE THEN.
4 AND AS WE TALK ABOUT SOLUTIONS AND MOVE IN DISCUSSING THE
5 PARTICULARS OF THIS MOTION, I WANTED TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT
6 THE TRAUMA THAT HAS BEEN CAUSED BY THE CULTURE OF VIOLENCE
7 THAT HAS DEFINED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DESTROYED
8 THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. AND THAT
9 THOSE EFFECTS ARE NOT FELT EVENLY ACROSS THE COUNTY, THAT IN
10 FACT A DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS BLACKS, LATINOS, THE POOR
11 AND UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITIES. AND I ALSO SUBMIT TO YOU TODAY
12 IT'S BECAUSE OF WHO THOSE VICTIMS HAVE BEEN, FOLKS FROM
13 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND BEING UNDOCUMENTED, THAT THAT
14 BEHAVIOR HAS BEEN UNCHECKED. UNCHECKED BY THE DEPUTIES WHO
15 THEMSELVES NOW WEAR BADGES OF HONOR FOR THE BRUTALITY THAT
16 THEY ACTUALLY EXECUTED IN JAILS AND ON THE STREETS AND IT
17 WASN'T CALLED OUT BY THE LEADERSHIP OR EVEN SYSTEMS LEADERS.
18 SO WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT IS THE FIRST
19 STEP, AS MANY PEOPLE HAVE SAID, THAT BRINGS US CLOSER TO
20 ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. BUT WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED
21 ABOUT THE CONCERN OF HAVING FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE
22 COMMISSION. AND THAT THERE'S BEEN TALK ABOUT WANTING TO HAVE
23 LAW ENFORCEMENT THERE TO ENSURE THAT FOLKS UNDERSTAND THE
24 POLICIES AND PRACTICE. BUT I REMIND YOU THAT EVERY DAY,
25 RESIDENTS ARE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH THE FORCE FIRST

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1 PRACTICE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO AGAIN WE SUPPORT THIS
2 MOTION BUT WE ASK THAT THE BOARD GO FURTHER TO ENSURE THAT THE
3 ROLE OF RESIDENTS IS PROTECTED AND MADE PERMANENT. AND MORE
4 IMPORTANTLY WE ASK THAT THERE BE SUPPORT OF A CHARTER
5 AMENDMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMISSION HAS SUBPOENA POWER.
6 BUT WE THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY THOMAS AND HILDA
7 SOLIS, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PUTTING THIS MOTION FORTH AND
8 GETTING US CLOSER TO ACCOUNTABILITY.

9

10 >>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** I'M NOT SURE WHETHER TO CRY YOU A RIVER, CHANT A
13 PRAYER OR WHAT TO DO BECAUSE IT FEELS THAT OFTEN WE COME UP
14 HERE AND WE TELL YOU THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND
15 YOU STILL GO ON WITH WHAT YOU DO, WHICH IS PROTECT YOURSELF,
16 MAKE POLITICAL MOVES, PROTECT YOUR POLITICAL CAREERS. WE HERE
17 ARE HUMAN BEINGS. WE'RE TARGETED BY THE PEOPLE YOU WANT TO PUT
18 ON THIS COMMISSION. IT'S EXTREMELY DISRESPECTFUL FOR THERE TO
19 BE A MOTION TO INCLUDE FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT ON A CIVILIAN
20 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND IT'S SAD TO ME THAT IT'S DONE BY THE
21 PEOPLE OF COLOR RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. I WANT TO THANK SHEILA
22 KUEHL FOR YOUR PERSISTENCE ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PIECE. LET'S
23 NOT PRETEND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MECHANISMS CURRENT AND FORMER
24 LAW ENFORCEMENT USES TO PROTECT THEIR OWN, SO PUTTING THEM ON
25 A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL. THE

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1 LAST POINT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT, THAT WE NEED TO NOT JUST HAVE
2 ONE PLACE OR ONE MOMENT WHERE COMMUNITY INPUT IS ALLOWED.
3 THERE NEEDS TO BE ONGOING, AND THERE NEEDS TO BE PERMANENT
4 PATHWAYS FOR COMMUNITY ADVOCATES AND SURVIVORS OF SHERIFF'S
5 VIOLENCE TO BE PART OF THE SELECTION PROCESS. AND LASTLY
6 BECAUSE I HAVE THE TIME, I WANT TO THANK THE VOICES OF THE
7 COMMUNITY WHO HAVE SPOKEN TODAY AND SPECIFICALLY THE YOUNG
8 FOLKS ARE BRILLIANT AND ALSO THE SURVIVORS OF SHERIFF VIOLENCE
9 WHO COME UP HERE AND SPEAK AND TELL THEIR STORIES. AND I KNOW
10 THAT'S EXTREMELY HARD TO DO. SO THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS. BEFORE WE GO
13 ON, THOUGH, LET ME CALL UP DIANA ZUNIGA, REVEREND PETER
14 LAARMAN, STEVE ROGERS. AND TENISHA DENARD.

15

16 **RAY LEWIS:** GREETINGS. MY NAME IS RAY LEWIS WITH DIGNITY AND
17 POWER NOW. HOW ARE YOU DOING, MS. KUEHL, MR. RIDLEY, MR. KNABE
18 AND MR. ANTONOVICH. I KNOW Y'ALL LOOKING AT ME LIKE, WHAT IS
19 HE DOING HERE? LAST TIME I WAS HERE, I WASN'T FEELING TOO GOOD
20 WITH Y'ALL. BECAUSE EVERYTHING WE CREATE THAT'S NICE AND NEAT,
21 YOU DESTROY IT. YEAH, BUT MRS. KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY, I'M
22 MOVED BY Y'ALL. YOU'RE ALL PUTTING FORTH AN EFFORT. IN CLOSING
23 WITH THAT, I WANT TO SAY Y'ALL HAVE FORMED THIS WORKING GROUP,
24 RIGHT? TO FORM THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. WELL LISTEN
25 TO YOUR CHILD. YOUR CHILD IS THE WORKING GROUP. THEY ALREADY

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1 TOLD YOU THAT HAVING FORMER OR NO POLICEMEN ON THIS GROUP, ON
2 THIS COMMITTEE, TEARS DOWN THE FOUNDATION OF THE CIVILIAN
3 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. SO ROLL WITH THAT. LISTEN TO THAT. ONE
4 MORE THING I WANT TO SAY REPETITION IS ONE THING THAT CAN
5 REPROGRAM SOMEONE AND MAKE THEM THINK DIFFERENT. SO I'M JUST
6 GOING TO SAY THIS. NO MORE POLICEMENS ON THIS COMMISSION. NO
7 LAW ENFORCEMENTS ON THIS COMMISSION. NO LAW ENFORCEMENTS ON
8 THIS COMMISSION. NO LAW ENFORCEMENTS ON THIS COMMISSION, MR.
9 KNABE. NO LAW ENFORCEMENTS ON THIS COMMISSION. NO LAW
10 ENFORCEMENTS ON THIS COMMISSION. NO LAW ENFORCEMENTS ON THIS
11 COMMISSION. NO LAW ENFORCEMENTS ON THIS COMMISSION. CIVILIANS,
12 YES, ON THIS COMMISSION. PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, YES, ON THIS
13 COMMISSION. PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS ON THIS
14 COMMISSION. BUT NO LAW ENFORCEMENT. WE GOT FIVE NON-
15 NEGOTIABLES. ALL OF THEM SHOULD STAND. IF WE FEEL THAT IT'S
16 RIGHT, BECAUSE WE'RE THE ONES WHO ARE IMPACTED BY IT, YOU
17 GUYS-- HAVE ANY OF YOU BEEN TO JAIL? NO. I HAVE. I'M CHANGING
18 MYSELF. I'M UP HERE WITH Y'ALL. NO LAW ENFORCEMENTS ON THIS
19 COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

22

23 **REV. PETER LAARMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M PETER LAARMAN WITH THE
24 JUSTICE NOT JAILS COALITION. I'M ALSO THE POLICY CO-CHAIR OF
25 THE RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP FOR GREATER LOS ANGELES. I HAD VERY

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1 MUCH LOOKED FORWARD TO COMING HERE AT THE END OF THIS LENGTHY
2 PROCESS AND I ATTENDED A NUMBER OF THE WORKING GROUP SESSIONS
3 TO TENDER MY ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR A MAXIMUM MECHANISM,
4 MAXIMUM, THAT IS TO SAY NOT PERFECT, BUT MAXIMUM TO GET THE
5 JOB DONE IN VIEW OF ESPECIALLY NOW THE CONVERSATION IN THE
6 COUNTRY CALLING FOR A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE. AND I'M TRULY
7 SORROWFUL THAT I CAN'T OFFER THAT KIND OF ENTHUSIASTIC
8 SUPPORT. IT'S BEEN SAID THAT THIS IS A GOOD FIRST STEP. IT
9 COULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER FIRST STEP. AND I HOPE, I URGE YOU
10 STRONGLY TO STAY ON THE PATH TO MAKE IT WHAT IT SHOULD BE IN
11 THIS COUNTY, WHICH HAS MORE PEOPLE THAN OHIO, I THINK WAS SAID
12 EARLIER. IT MAY BE THAT THE FOCUS OF THE NATION TODAY IS ON
13 CHICAGO AND CHICAGO'S POLICE, BUT NOT LONG AGO IT WAS ON LOS
14 ANGELES. AND WE DARE NOT FORGET THAT HISTORY. I WISH THE
15 SHERIFF HAD STAYED BECAUSE I WOULD SAY TO HIS FACE, HE SEEMS
16 TO THINK THAT THE PROBLEMS ARE BEHIND US. WITH RESPECT, I BEG
17 TO DIFFER. I THINK THAT THE EMBEDDED CULTURE OF ABUSE AND
18 RACISM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT IS A GRAVE, GRAVE CONCERN. YOU
19 HEAR FROM THE HEART THE COMMENTS OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
20 MOST DIRECTLY IMPACTED. IF WE SAY WE WANT TO LEARN FROM OUR
21 HISTORY, IF WE SAY WE WANT TO LEARN FROM THE RECORD OF ABUSE
22 AND RACISM, THEN WE SHOULDN'T ACCEPT AN OVERSIGHT BODY THAT IS
23 ANYTHING LESS THAN THE BEST AND STRONGEST IN THE COUNTRY.
24 THERE'S NO REASON NOT TO. SO THAT'S THE SOURCE OF MY

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1 DISAPPOINTMENT. I'M SORRY TO GO ON IN THIS VEIN, BUT HISTORY
2 IS THE KEY HERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

5

6 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA, I'M WITH
7 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. YOU KNOW, AS I
8 SAT HERE LISTENING TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES TALK ABOUT WHAT
9 WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, I DIDN'T
10 REALLY KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY TO MOVE YOU ALL IN A DIFFERENT
11 DIRECTION. OBVIOUSLY WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A GOOD STEP AND WE
12 KNOW THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT ARE COMPLETELY WRONG
13 WITH IT. I REMEMBER WHEN YOU ALL PASSED THIS MOTION A WHILE
14 BACK, MY FATHER, WHO I'VE TOLD YOU ALL BEFORE, WAS BRUTALIZED
15 BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HAS A METAL PLATE IN HIS HEAD
16 NOW, CALLED ME. AND I TOLD HIM I WAS SO EXCITED AND I WAS SO
17 HAPPY THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTUALLY COMMITTED TO
18 SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO HAVE TEETH. THAT IF THIS WAS IN
19 PLACE SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WE COULD HAVE HELPED HIM GET JUSTICE
20 AND WE COULD HAVE HELPED HIM HEAL FROM THE TRAUMA THAT HE
21 RECEIVED AT THE HANDS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I SIT HERE
22 NOW EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE AS I'VE GROWN INTO THE
23 ORGANIZER THAT I AM NOW WITH THE HELP OF MY COMMUNITY BEHIND
24 ME, I KNOW THAT MY FATHER NEEDED SOMEBODY LIKE ME OR SOMEBODY
25 LIKE US THERE TO REPRESENT HIM AND TO HELP HIM RECEIVE

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1 JUSTICE. I KNOW THAT AS I WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM TO COME TO A
2 CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD AND TALK ABOUT HIS TRAUMA, HE WOULD NOT
3 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO IN FRONT OF A SHERIFF. AND THAT IS THE
4 CLEAR REASON WHY WE KNOW THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD NOT BE A
5 PART OF THIS BODY. AND WE KNOW THAT YOU ALL NEED TO CHANGE
6 YOUR MINDS. THIS IS NOT SUSTAINABLE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, THIS
7 IS NOT SUSTAINABLE FOR OUR FAMILIES, AND THIS IS NOT
8 SUSTAINABLE FOR US. THIS DISAPPOINTMENT IS NOT SOMETHING THAT
9 WE DESERVE AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
10 BE HERE AND WE HOPE THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR MINDS AND REFLECT ON
11 THE THINGS THAT ALL OF MY COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SAYING
12 ALREADY AND CHANGE. CHANGE THE WAY THAT THIS BODY IS GOING TO
13 WORK AND MAKE SURE THAT IT'S HOLDING SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
14 ACCOUNTABLE WITHOUT THEIR INPUT WITHOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT. THANK
15 YOU.

16
17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

18
19 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA FROM THE
20 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO MOVE THIS MOTION
22 FORWARD. AND I ALSO WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF COMPONENTS
23 OF WHY THE COMMUNITY WILL MAKE THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT STRONGER
24 ALONG WITH THE FIVE NON-NEGOTIABLES AND NO LAW ENFORCEMENT ON
25 THE OVERSIGHT. THE COMMUNITY'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE SELECTION

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1 PROCESS SHOULD BE PERMANENT TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S ALWAYS
2 OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE MOST IMPACTED TO SHAPE AND APPOINT THE
3 PROCESS. MAKING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT A ONE-TIME INTEGRAL
4 PROCESS UNDERMINES THE LONG-TIME CREDIBILITY OF THE SELECTION
5 PROCESS. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND DIRECTLY IMPACTED PEOPLE
6 SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE CRITERIA TO IDENTIFY 20
7 VIABLE APPLICANTS. ADDITIONALLY COMMUNITY INPUT SHOULD BE AN
8 INVOLVED AND REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF NOMINEES FROM 20 TO 16
9 VIABLE CANDIDATES. THERE IS A PRECEDENT FOR THE COMMUNITY
10 ORGANIZATIONS NOMINATING COMMISSIONERS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS.
11 WE BELIEVE THAT THE MODEL GREATLY ENHANCES THE CREDIBILITY AND
12 EFFICIENCY OF THE COMMISSION AND PROVIDES NECESSARY CHECKS AND
13 BALANCES IN THE SELECTION PROCESS. UNLIKE THE SHERIFF, WE ARE
14 CONFIDENT THAT THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, INCLUDING FORMERLY
15 INCARCERATED PEOPLE, ARE INVESTED IN TRANSPARENCY,
16 ACCOUNTABILITY AND JUSTICE, FOCUSED IN A FAIR WAY. THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT IS HESITANT TO
18 EMPOWER A COMMISSION WITHOUT KNOWING WHO WAS GOING TO BE ON
19 THE COMMISSION. WE BELIEVE THAT BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES
20 HAVE THE MOST TO GAIN AND LOSE FROM THIS COMMISSION RUNNING
21 EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. SO AGAIN I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS
22 FOR MOVING THE MOTION FORWARD AND TO ALSO INCLUDE THE
23 COMMUNITIES' THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO CALL UP THE
2 FOLLOWING WITNESSES, AS WELL. ANAYELI RIVAS. MARITZA GALVEZ
3 AND ARYEH COHEN. GO AHEAD, SIR.

4
5 **STEVE ROGERS:** STEVE ROGERS, DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. FIRST OFF,
6 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR STICKING WITH THIS
7 FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, I KNOW FOR A LONG TIME THERE WAS A
8 BOARD THAT JUST WASN'T HAVING ANY OF THIS, AND YOUR COURAGE
9 AND DETERMINATION HAS BROUGHT US TO THIS DAY. WE DO APPRECIATE
10 THAT. I APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION OF THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT, THE NEW SHERIFF HAS CERTAINLY BEEN INVOLVED AND
12 BEEN OPEN TO ADVICE AND CRITICISM. AND WE DO APPRECIATE THAT.
13 I WANT TO THANK MAX HUNTSMAN FOR HIS LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT ALL
14 THE WAY THROUGH THE WORKING GROUP. HE WAS AT ALL THE MEETINGS.
15 MET WITH US MANY TIMES. PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON, THE ONLY
16 PEOPLE THAT WERE MORE INVOLVED WAS THE COMMUNITY THAT WENT TO
17 ALL THESE MEETINGS, THAT SAT DOWN WITH THE WORKING GROUP
18 PEOPLE, THAT HAVE CONTACTED YOU GUYS AND YOUR STAFFS. WE'VE
19 CONTACTED OTHER COMMISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO FIND OUT
20 WHAT'S WORKING AND WHAT'S NOT WORKING AND HOW THIS SHOULD WORK
21 OUT. WE SAT THROUGH ALL OF MAX'S SPEECHES, AND BELIEVE ME THAT
22 GUY CAN TALK. [LAUGHTER.] WHY DO WE DO ALL THIS? WHY HAVE WE
23 BEEN DOING THIS? WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT. AND WE
24 BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO GET THIS RIGHT. AND WE BELIEVE THAT
25 THERE IS A RIGHT DIRECTION. WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT

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1 BECAUSE THE UNION HAS ITS OPINIONS, AND THEY'RE POWERFUL. THEY
2 GOT MONEY AND VOTES AND GUNS. THEY'VE BEEN VOCAL ABOUT NOT
3 BEING FOR THIS COMMISSION AND NOT WANTING THIS COMMISSION TO
4 BE ABLE TO LOOK INTO THINGS. AND WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO TAKE
5 SOME COURAGE TO STAND UP TO THEM. AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE
6 RIGHT COMMISSION TO DO THAT. THE PEOPLE BEHIND ME, THE PEOPLE
7 IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WANT TO BE ON THIS COMMISSION, WE WANT
8 TO DO IT BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THERE'S A DANGER FROM LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT HAVING TOO MUCH POWER AND NO ACCOUNTABILITY. WE
10 BELIEVE THAT THERE'S SOMETHING THAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT THAT.
11 AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT'S NOT BEING HANDLED PROPERLY THROUGH
12 THE CHANNELS THAT THEY HAVE RIGHT NOW. MY QUESTION IS: WHY
13 WOULD LAW ENFORCEMENT WANT TO BE ON IT?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

16

17 **MARITZA GALVEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS MARITZA GALVEZ. I'M A YOUTH
18 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 MEANS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. FOR FAR TOO LONG, WE'VE EXCLUDED
20 THOSE DIRECTLY IMPACTED AND WHOLE COMMUNITIES FROM THE
21 ACCOUNTABILITY PROCESS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. PLACING FORMER LAW
22 ENFORCEMENT ON THE COMMISSION COMPROMISES THE INTEGRITY OF IT
23 AND IS SIMPLY A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. WHEN I WAS 12 YEARS OLD,
24 I GOT INVOLVED WITH THE Y.J.C. BECAUSE A MULTI-AGENCY RAID
25 TOOK MY MOTHER. THEY LEFT ME ON THE STREET AT 12 YEARS OLD

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1 WITH A TWO-YEAR-OLD KID TO TAKE CARE OF WHO WASN'T EVEN MINE
2 OR RELATED TO ME. THAT 12-YEAR-OLD YOUNG PERSON, IF THERE
3 WOULD HAVE BEEN A COMMISSION, WOULD HAVE SHOWED UP AND
4 TESTIFIED. BUT IF I WOULD HAVE SEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT, I WOULD
5 HAVE JUST BACKED AWAY BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE YOUNG PEOPLE AND
6 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAUMATIZED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOW DO
7 YOU EXPECT US TO GO AND BRING UP OUR CONCERNS TO THEM WHEN
8 THEY CAUSED THAT TRAUMA? LAW ENFORCEMENT IS ALREADY INVOLVED
9 IN OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFFS. OVERSIGHT THAT HAS ALLOWED
10 MILLIONS IN LITIGATION COSTS, OVER 640 PEOPLE KILLED BY LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT JUST IN L.A. SINCE 2000. AND A SHAMEFUL AMOUNT OF
12 SCANDALS AND CONTROVERSY. LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN BE ADVISORS BUT
13 NOT VOTING MEMBERS. WE WANT SUBPOENA POWER. WE WANT
14 TRANSPARENCY AROUND SELECTION. AND JUST TO LIKE WRAP IT UP,
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF YOU HAVE SUCH A BIG ISSUE ABOUT
16 UNDOCUMENTED, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE, THEY ARE NOT
17 ILLEGALS, UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE BEING AGAINST FEDERAL LAW, HOW
18 ABOUT YOU STOP TAKING THEIR TAXES FROM THE COUNTY OR STOP
19 LETTING THEM CUT YOUR GRASS OR HOW ABOUT YOU START RETURNING
20 THE VEGGIES AND FRUITS THAT YOU EAT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT HERE
21 LEGAL, AS WELL. SO TRY TO BE-- WHAT'S THE WORD FOR IT?
22 CONSCIOUS ABOUT THE WAY YOU SPEAK, BECAUSE YOU GET A LOT OF
23 BENEFITS FROM THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE VIOLATING FEDERAL LAW,
24 LET'S BE HONEST. [APPLAUSE]
25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

2

3 **ARYEH COHEN:** HI, I'M RABBI ARYEH COHEN. I'M THE THE RABBI IN
4 RESIDENCE OF BEND THE ARC, A JEWISH PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTICE.
5 I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BLACK JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE. IN THE
6 RABBINIC TRADITION, THERE ARE TWO CENTRAL PRINCIPLES OF
7 JUSTICE. ONE IS BASED ON THE VERSE IN LEVITICUS: JUSTICE,
8 JUSTICE YE SHALL PURSUE. AND THE RABBI SAID, YOU MUST PURSUE
9 JUSTICE IN A JUST WAY. THE SECOND IS THAT JUSTICE NEEDS TO BE
10 APPLIED EQUALLY ACROSS-THE-BOARD. BOTH OF THESE THINGS ARE
11 DEPENDENT ON THE PERCEPTION THAT JUSTICE IS BEING APPLIED. THE
12 PERCEPTION OF JUSTICE IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT REGAINING LEGITIMACY THAT IS SO SORELY NEEDED AND
14 LACKING AFTER THE PAST DECADE OF DOCUMENTED ABUSES. THERE'S A
15 NARRATIVE IN THIS COUNTRY IN GENERAL ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT, ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT IN GENERAL NOT BEING
17 TRANSPARENT AND BEING ABUSIVE. IN ORDER TO GET THERE, WE NEED
18 AN EQUAL APPLICATION OF JUSTICE. THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSION MUST BE CIVILIAN. THAT IS. YOU CAN'T HAVE ANY
20 PRESENT OR FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS ON IT. IT MUST
21 INCLUDE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WERE FORMERLY INCARCERATED, AND
22 THE COMMUNITIES MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN
23 THE VETTING AND THE NOMINATION PROCESS. IT MUST BE AN
24 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. THEREFORE IT HAS TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO
25 DO WHAT IT SET OUT TO DO, MEANING IT HAS TO HAVE SUBPOENA

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1 POWER OR IT HAS TO AT LEAST HAVE A DIRECT M.O.A. WITH THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, NOT HAVE TO WORK THROUGH THE I.G.'S
3 OFFICE. THE PROBLEM THAT WE ARE HAVING IS A PROBLEM IN
4 FULFILLING THE DIRECTIVE OF OUR COMMUNITY, OF OUR UNION, OF
5 CREATING A MORE JUST COMMUNITY WHEREIN PEOPLE CAN FULFILL
6 THEIR POTENTIAL. THE WAY TO GET-- WE CAN'T GET THERE IF PEOPLE
7 ARE CONSTANTLY WORRIED THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SWORN TO
8 PROTECT AND SERVE THEM ARE NOT GOING TO EITHER PROTECT OR
9 SERVE THEM. I URGE YOU TO PUT SUBPOENA POWER AND TO NOT
10 INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE WE GO ON TO THE NEXT WITNESS,
14 I HAVE OTHER NAMES I'D LIKE TO CALL UP. KRUTI PAREKH, WAYNE
15 SPINDLER, PRENTICE JENKINS. TUT HAYES. KIM MCGILL. RUTH
16 SARNOFF. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. STATE YOUR NAME.

17

18 **ANAYELI RIVAS:** BUENOS TARDES. MY NAME'S ANAYELI RIVAS,
19 CRITICAL RESISTANCE AND SUPPORT WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW.
20 CHAIR ANTONOVICH, AGAIN I CHALLENGED YOUR USE OF THE WORD
21 ILLEGAL IN TALKING ABOUT THE UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITY. IT IS
22 DEHUMANIZING AND CONSIDERED A DEROGATORY TERM. WITH THAT SAID,
23 YOUR SENTIMENT IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT HAVING FORMER SHERIFFS
24 SIT ON THE COMMISSION WITH VOTING POWER WOULD LOOK AND SOUND
25 LIKE. IT WOULD UNDERMINE THE COMMISSION'S MISSION AND ITS

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1 CREDIBILITY. ALSO, MADAME CHAIR SOLIS, YOU SPOKE AT U.C.L.A.'S
2 GRADUATION, THANK YOU. BUT I AM ASKING YOU TO PLEASE REPRESENT
3 US BY MAKING SURE THAT THE ROBUST BUDGET BE USED FOR TRUE
4 SAFETY BY BUILDING UP THE COMMUNITY. NO LAW ENFORCEMENT ON
5 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND NO MORE JAILS.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

8

9 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** YES, PRENTICE JENKINS. ACTIVIST SINCE 1991,
10 PUBLISHER OF "CITY LIFE" NEWSLETTER. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
11 CONSTANT OVERSIGHT OF BOARDS. IT'S NOT A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
12 BOARD, IT'S A COP BOARD, NOT AN ACTUAL CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
13 BOARD. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS ALSO PUT ACTIVISTS ON THAT
14 BOARD. NOT JUST ANYONE ON THAT BOARD. BUT PUT ACTIVISTS ON
15 THAT BOARD, TOO. ACTIVISTS ELICIT CHANGE IN THE CITY. THEY
16 ELICIT CHANGE EVERYWHERE. MARTIN LUTHER KING ELICITED CHANGE.
17 AND THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO PUT ACTIVISTS ON THAT BOARD.
18 I'M AN ACTIVIST. I'LL BE ON THAT BOARD. BUT I SUGGEST YOU
19 DON'T PUT COPS ON THAT BOARD. I JUST CAME BACK FROM THE BOARD
20 OF POLICE COMMISSION. IT'S FILLED WITH SUPPOSED TO BE A
21 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD. IT DOES VERY LITTLE TO GET ANYTHING
22 DONE. THAT COMMITTEE IS BEHOLDEN TO CHIEF BECK, WHO I ACTUALLY
23 LIKE. SO WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH-- TALKING ABOUT CIVILIAN
24 OVERSIGHT BOARD, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
25 BOARD IF YOU PUT COPS ON IT. IT'S A COP BOARD AGAIN. YOU GOT

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1 PLENTY OF COP BOARDS. YOU DON'T NEED ANYMORE COP BOARDS. YOU
2 NEED CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARDS. BECAUSE YOU'RE DEALING WITH
3 US. WE'RE THE CIVILIANS. WE'RE NOT ARMED. THESE GUYS ARE
4 ARMED. YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THE COPS? THEY
5 GOT GUNS. WE DON'T. SO EVERYBODY WHO DOESN'T HAVE A GUN SHOULD
6 BE ON THE COMMITTEE. EVERYBODY WHO DOES HAVE A GUN SHOULD NOT
7 BE ON THE COMMITTEE. [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU, FOLKS. IT'S OKAY
8 TO CLAP. WHEN THEY TELL YOU TO RAISE THE ROOF, GUESS WHAT?
9 THIS AIN'T THE 1993 AND IT AIN'T THE CLUB. YOU CAN CLAP IF YOU
10 WANT TO. DON'T LET THESE PEOPLE TELL YOU NOT TO CLAP.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THE SHERIFF IS THE ONLY COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL WHO
15 HAS A CAPTIVE ELECTORATE. THOSE ARE THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
16 INMATES INCARCERATED WHO HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE WHILE THEY'RE
17 IN JAIL. SO WHAT THE SHERIFF HAS CONCOCTED, SINCE MOST OF
18 THESE PEOPLE MIGHT NOT LIKE THE FOOD THEY'RE GETTING OR THE
19 TREATMENT THEY'RE GETTING MIGHT VOTE AGAINST THE SHERIFF. SO
20 THEY HAVE THE RIGHT IN CALIFORNIA IF THEY'RE NOT ON PROBATION
21 OR PAROLE. THE SHERIFF DECIDED TO GIVE THEM ONE SERGEANT
22 WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THE RIGHT TO DEAL WITH THE
23 BALLOTS BY INMATES WHO BURST TO VOTE. THAT IS SERGEANT
24 MARTINEZ. NOW HERE'S WHERE THE ELECTION CODE SECTION 3017
25 SAYS. AFTER MARKING THE BALLOT, THE VOTE BY MAIL VOTERS SHALL

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1 EITHER DO THE FOLLOWING: RETURN THE BALLOT BY MAIL IN PERSON
2 OR SHALL-- OR GIVE IT TO AN ELECTED OFFICIAL FROM WHOM IT
3 CAME. SO WHAT MARTINEZ DOES, HE GOES TO THE PERSONS WHO MARK
4 THEIR BALLOTS. HE COLLECTS THEM AND PUTS THEM IN A BOX. THEN
5 HE TRANSPORTS THIS BOX TO THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS. NOW,
6 SECTION 8 SAYS-- NOT THE THING, SUBDIVISION A, VOTE BY MAIL
7 BALLOT SHALL NOT BE RETURNED BY MAIL-- A PAID VOLUNTEER WORKER
8 OF GENERAL PURPOSE. ANYWAY, IT SAYS THAT THE SHERIFF CAN HAVE
9 ONE OF HIS SHERIFFS RETURN THE BALLOT. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY,
10 IT SAYS THAT THIS SECTION IS MANDATORY AND BALLOTS THAT ARE
11 NOT HANDLED IN REGARD TO SECTION 3017 SHALL NOT BE COUNTED. SO
12 THE SHERIFF HAS CONCOCTED A PROCEDURE WHERE THE BALLOTS ARE
13 NOT COUNTED BECAUSE THEY DON'T COMPLY WITH THE ELECTIONS CODE.
14 WE WILL HEAR FROM THIS FROM THE FEDS, GUARANTEE IT.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

17

18 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. I KNOW YOUR REVISION ITEM 8. 3-B TO
19 REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON MEMBERSHIP BY FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. UNCLE TOM! THAT'S ALL
21 YOU GOT HERE. YOU SEE, THEY COULDN'T HELP THEMSELVES. WE
22 STARTED OUT RIGHT. WE WERE DOING THE RIGHT THING, NOT LETTING
23 THE GUN TOTING PSYCHOPATHS BE ON THE PANEL. BECAUSE WE DON'T
24 WANT THE MANIACS ON THE PANEL. WE WANT THE PEOPLE ON THE
25 PANEL. THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO BE ON THE PANEL,

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1 NOT FORMER EMPLOYEES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
2 DEPARTMENT THAT STILL HAVE THEIR FIREARMS, STILL CARRYING IT
3 IN THE CAR. LIKE FOR EXAMPLE, LAST YEAR WHEN I WAS ON BURBANK
4 BOULEVARD, SOMEBODY RAN ME OFF THE ROAD, STOPPED HIS BRAKES
5 AND PULLED ME OFF THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD. HE WAS A CIVILIAN,
6 RIGHT? NO. HE PULLED OUT HIS SHERIFF'S BADGE AND HIS GUN. "I'M
7 A RETIRED SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, GET OUT OF MY WAY." PSYCHOPATHS.
8 CRAZY! AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED A CIVILIAN PANEL TO CONTROL AND
9 MONITOR THE LUNATICS ON THE POWER TRIP. WE HAVE TO CONTROL THE
10 CRAZY PEOPLE. IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU'RE ON A RANCH. YOU GOT TO
11 CONTROL THE HERD OR THE HERD GOES WILD. YOU KNOW, THEY GO
12 WILD. GET RID OF 3-B. LET'S GO BACK TO WHAT YOU PROMISED.
13 CIVILIAN DOES NOT EQUAL SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE.
14 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE EQUALS LUNATIC EQUALS NOT ON OUR
15 COMMISSION.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

18

19 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. I AM HAPPY THAT THE CONVERSATION
20 HAS AT LEAST STARTED ON A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. YOU
21 KNOW, THE LAST PERIOD HAS REALLY BEEN EXTREMELY ENLIGHTENING
22 AND I THINK IT'S BROUGHT THINGS INTO A LITTLE MORE
23 PERSPECTIVE. THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT HAS MADE THE
24 POINT THAT WHAT THEY'RE DEMANDING TODAY IS ENGAGEMENT, IT'S
25 NOT SOMEBODY TALKING ABOUT YOU OR SOMEBODY TALKING OVER YOU,

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1 BUT BEING ABLE TO TALK, AND THE LACK OF A CIVILIAN VOICE ABOUT
2 WHAT OTHERWISE IS HAPPENING HERE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT IN LOS
3 ANGELES, AND IT'S ON MANY DIFFERENT LEVELS. IT ALSO INCLUDES
4 AREAS AROUND L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH SCHOOL POLICE.
5 IT'S PART OF A CULTURE. AND I THINK THIS SHOULD BE THE OPENING
6 VOLLEY OF A BROADER DISCUSSION AND A REVISION OF THIS
7 PROPOSAL. I THINK IT IN NO WAY IS READY FOR APPROVAL OR EVEN
8 CONSIDERATION. IF THE NECESSITY OF FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS, AND
9 THERE MIGHT BE A GOOD PLACE FOR THAT. THERE MIGHT BE A THIRD
10 BODY THAT BRINGS THESE TWO BODIES TOGETHER. THE SHERIFFS OVER
11 HERE AND THE CIVILIANS OVER HERE WHERE THEY CONVERSE. BUT IF
12 IT'S A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, IT NEEDS TO LIVE UP TO
13 ITS NAME. AND I THINK IT CAN ONLY DO THAT.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

16

17 **RUTH SARNOFF:** IF IT'S NOT USED IN THIS FASHION.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

20

21 **KRUTI PAREKH:** GREETINGS, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH AND
22 I AM A HUMAN BEING COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY FAMILY MEMBER OF THE
23 ORGANIZERS AND ACTIVISTS AND WORLD CHANGERS BEHIND ME AND
24 STAND IN SOLIDARITY. I WANT TO BRING INTO THIS AUDITORIUM
25 JONATHAN CUEVAS AND DIANGELO LOPEZ, TWO YOUNG MEN OF COLOR WHO

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1 WERE SHOT AND KILLED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. JUST THIS
2 MORNING-- I'M FRIENDS WITH THEIR MOTHERS-- AND JUST THIS
3 MORNING, I READ ON ONE OF THE MOM'S POSTS, "TODAY MAKES FIVE
4 YEARS, THREE MONTHS WITHOUT MY SON." I JUST WANT TO SCREAM AND
5 YELL BECAUSE I'M BEING TORTURED EVERY SECOND I'M ALIVE. WHY MY
6 BABY? HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU." AND FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT
7 ARE IN THE ROOM THAT ARE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, YOU CAN
8 UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS WHEN YOUR CHILD IS TAKEN FROM YOU. I
9 SAW DEANGELO LOPEZ'S SON WHO IS 7 NOW WHO IS GOING TO HAVE TO
10 GROW UP WITHOUT HIS FATHER. IF YOU CAN FEEL WHAT I AM FEELING,
11 THAT IS EXACTLY WHY TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IS NEEDED. YOU
12 CANNOT START AS IF THERE IS TRUST THERE. YOU CANNOT START LIKE
13 THAT. AND AS YOU ARE MAKING YOUR FINAL DECISIONS, YOU CANNOT
14 HAVE A SHERIFF IN THE ROOM IF YOU WANT IT TO MEAN SOMETHING.
15 AND THE ENTIRE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THAT SO MANY OF MY FRIENDS
16 HERE HAVE SAT IN ON AND PUT THEIR BLOOD, SWEAT, TEARS, VOICE,
17 IT IS A SLAP IN THE FACE OF DEMOCRACY IF YOU DO NOT INCLUDE
18 SUBPOENA POWER. WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT WORKS. LET'S MAKE THIS
19 WORK. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ONE LAST WITNESS, KIM MCGILL.

22

23 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIM MCGILL WITH THE
24 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I WANT EVERYBODY BEHIND ME TO STAND
25 UP WHO IS FAVOR OF NO LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE COMMISSION, WHO

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1 IS IN FAVOR OF SUBPOENA POWER, WHO IS FAVOR OF REAL COMMUNITY
2 REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMISSION, WHO IS IN FAVOR OF
3 INDEPENDENT COUNSEL AND WHO IS IN FAVOR OF THE INSPECTOR
4 GENERAL ANSWERING DIRECTLY TO THE COMMISSION. I'M GOING TO ASK
5 THEM TO STAND BECAUSE I WANT TO REMIND THE BOARD THAT THESE
6 ARE THE FOLKS THAT ATTENDED EVERY SHERIFF'S DEBATE AND HOSTED
7 SOME OF OUR OWN DEBATES. THESE ARE THE FOLKS THAT ATTENDED
8 EVERY WORKING GROUP MEETING. THESE ARE THE FOLKS THAT IN
9 SHOCK, LOOK AT THE WORKING GROUP THAT YOU SELECTED THAT WAS
10 100 PERCENT MALE, 100 PERCENT OVER 50, 80 PERCENT LAWYERS, 80
11 PERCENT WHITE. AND THAT MAY BE ONE OF THE MANY REASONS WHY WE
12 DON'T TRUST THE SUPERVISORS ALONE TO SELECT OUR COMMISSION. I
13 WANT THESE FOLKS TO STAND BECAUSE I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT
14 YOU CAN BRING OUT ONE OR TWO PEOPLE NA WILL TESTIFY IN SUPPORT
15 OF YOUR MOTION, BUT THAT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE COMMUNITIES
16 THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ISSUE FOR FOUR YEARS. THIS IS
17 THE COMMUNITY THAT'S BEEN WORKING ON THE ISSUE FOR FOUR YEARS.
18 AND MOSTLY I WANT YOU TO REMIND YOU OF THE PEOPLE WHO AREN'T
19 HERE. JUST IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE, WE STOOD WITH THE FAMILIES
20 OF EDUARDO BERMUDEZ AND RICARDO LARA IN EAST L.A. WHOSE LOVED
21 ONES WERE KILLED BY THE SHERIFFS. AND THEY HAVE YET MORE THAN
22 A YEAR LATER TO HEAR BACK FROM THE SHERIFF REGARDING THAT
23 INVESTIGATION. WE HAVE MET NUMEROUS TIMES WITH JACKIE LACEY,
24 AND IN THE PAST 15 YEARS, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAS
25 NOT INDICTED A SINGLE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN L.A. COUNTY

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1 FOR USE OF FORCE RESULTING IN HOMICIDE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT
2 L.A. COUNTY LEADS THE NATION BY FAR WITH 648 PEOPLE AT LEAST
3 KILLED SINCE 2000. WE HAVE STOOD WITH FAMILY MEMBERS FROM
4 INSIDE THE JAILS, MOST NOTABLY CARLA FIGUEROA, AT 23 YEARS OLD
5 WHO DIED IN JULY UNDER YOUR WATCH HAVING FLUID TAKEN FROM HER
6 STOMACH EVERY WEEK AT COUNTY JAIL. THEY NEVER DIAGNOSED HER
7 PROPERLY WITH STAGE 4 CANCER. THEY SHIPPED HER OFF TO STATE
8 PRISON. SHE WAS IMMEDIATELY HOSPITALIZED, DIAGNOSED AND HAD
9 HER WHOLE OVARY REMOVED. WHEN HER FAMILY AS WELL AS US BEGGED
10 FOR HER TO BE MOVED TO A FACILITY CLOSER TO L.A. SO SHE COULD
11 VISIT HER AND BEG FOR HER TO GET IN OUR CASE COMPASSIONATE
12 RELEASE FOR SOMEONE THAT WAS DYING OF CANCER AT THE AGE OF 23,
13 SHE WAS INSTEAD TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL IN SAN DIEGO, SHACKLED TO
14 A BED WHERE SHE DIED IN THOSE SHACKLES. THIS IS WHY WE NEED
15 OVERSIGHT, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IN CHARGE OF
16 OVERSIGHT NOT FOR 10 YEARS NOT FOR 15 YEARS BUT FOR NOW 100
17 YEARS HAVE FAILED THE COMMUNITY AT EVERY MOMENT. AND IF WE
18 DON'T HAVE OUR OWN EYES ON YOU AT EVERY MOMENT, IF WE'RE NOT
19 WALKING THE TEARS OF COUNTY JAIL, AND IF WE'RE NOT ON THE
20 CORNERS WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GUNNED DOWN, THEN WE WILL NEVER
21 HAVE TRUE JUSTICE IN L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC
24 WITNESSES ON THIS ITEM. SO I WOULD ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO
25 NOW JUST GO AHEAD AND LET'S GO THROUGH THESE AMENDMENTS. THERE

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1 ARE THREE. WE WILL START WITH SHEILA KUEHL'S MOTION, HER FIRST
2 AMENDMENT.

3

4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON THE TABLE, WE
5 HAVE SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S AMENDMENT TO REQUEST THAT THE CRITERIA
6 DEVELOPED BY THE EXECUTIVE SEARCH CONSULTANT FOR SELECTING
7 CANDIDATES FOR THE COMMISSION COME BEFORE THE BOARD FOR
8 APPROVAL. THAT IS BEFORE YOUR BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL.

11

12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

20

21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

24

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1 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR

2 ANTONOVICH?

3

4 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AYE.

5

6 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

7

8 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE. NEXT AMENDMENT.

9

10 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SECONDLY WE HAVE

11 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION DIRECTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER,

12 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND PRESIDING

13 JUDGE EACH MAKE ONE RECOMMENDATION TO THE INDEPENDENT

14 CONSULTANT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

15

16 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

17

18 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

19

20 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

21

22 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

23

24 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

25

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1 **SUPERVISOR KNABE:** AYE.

2

3 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

9

10 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** FINALLY WE HAVE
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S AMENDMENT. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WOULD LIKE TO VOTE NO ON TWO SECTIONS DEALING
17 WITH THE 4/5 VOTE. SO IF APPROPRIATE I CAN TAKE UP THE TWO
18 ITEMS THAT DEAL WITH THE 4/5 VOTE. SO THAT WOULD BE UNDER THE
19 FIRST PARAGRAPH, ITEM 1, TO REVISE PARAGRAPH B OF SECTION
20 3.79040, TO REPLACE "BY MAJORITY VOTE" WITH "4/5 VOTE" AND
21 ALSO ON THE SECOND PARAGRAPH, ITEM NO. 2 REVISED PARAGRAPH
22 B.V. OF SECTION 3.79050 OF THE MOTION TO REPLACE "WITH
23 MAJORITY VOTE" WITH "4/5 VOTE." I'LL TAKE THESE TWO ITEMS UP.
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

25

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO.

5

6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** NO.

9

10 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR

15 ANTONOVICH?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

18

19 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO.

22

23 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS SECTION OF THE

24 MOTION FAILS. THE BALANCE OF THE MOTION IS BEFORE YOU.

25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1

2 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

3

4 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

7

8 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

9

10 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

11

12 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR

13 ANTONOVICH?

14

15 SUP. ANTONOVICH: NO.

16

17 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

18

19 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIES, AS

20 AMENDED.

21

22 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MADAME CHAIR, I THINK. WE MOVE THE ITEM.

23

24 SUP. ANTONOVICH: MADAME CHAIR. MAY I CHANGE MY VOTE FROM A NO

25 TO AYE?

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THEN IT'S UNANIMOUS. OKAY. VERY GOOD.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MOVE THE ENTIRE MATTER AS AMENDED,
5 MADAME CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. OKAY, SUCH WILL BE
10 THE ORDER. THANK YOU. MEMBERS, WE HAVE ITEM 33-C, ANTONOVICH.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE ITEM 8
13 BACK UP FOR CLARIFICATION OF A VOTE. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** JUST WANT TO CLARIFY
16 ON ITEM NO. 8, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTED NO ON THE MAIN
17 MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** 4-1 VOTE. MOTION PASSES. JUST TO
20 CLARIFY. ITEM 33-C. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IF YOU'RE READY ON
21 THAT? CAN I GO AHEAD AND HEAR FROM THE SPEAKERS ON ITEM 33-C.
22 ARNOLD SACHS. WAYNE FROM ENCINO AND PRENTICE JENKINS.

23

24 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT. SO, PRICE GOUGING,
25 OOH. TSK, TSK. WE HAVE INSTANCES OF PRICE GOUGING OF THE

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1 RELOCATION EFFORTS PRECIPITATED BY THE ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK.
2 WELL HERE AGAIN, ANTONOVICH IS STEPPING IN FOR COUNCILMAN
3 MITCHELL ENGLANDER, THE ABSENTEE LITTLE DWARF THAT'S RUNNING
4 FOR A SEAT. THOSE OF YOU THAT DON'T KNOW, MITCHELL ENGLANDER
5 IS THE CRIMINAL THAT TRIES TO REPRESENT PORTER RANCH AND THE
6 AREAS OF THE GAS LEAK. BUT HE'S TRYING TO RUN. HE'S TRYING TO
7 WIN MIKE ANTONOVICH'S SEAT THROUGH HIS DECEIT, THROUGH FAKE
8 POLLS THAT HE PUBLISHES. BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO WORK. THE
9 PEOPLE HAVE TO STOP THAT LITTLE DWARF. SO ANTONOVICH HAS TO
10 TRY TO STEP IN AND DO HIS JOB, PLUS HE'S GOT TO TRY TO TAKE
11 OVER C.D. 12 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND DO THE HEAVY
12 LIFTING THERE. SO THEY ARE PRICE GOUGING FOR PEOPLE RELOCATING
13 FROM A GAS LEAK. THE ONLY APPROPRIATE MEASURE IS TO CUT OFF
14 SOME SORT OF BODY PART, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD DO.
15 THAT IS DISGUSTING. IT'S SICKENING. HAMMURABI'S CODE. WE
16 SHOULD HAVE SHARIA LAW APPLIED TO THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE DOING
17 THIS TO THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE ESCAPING A LIFE-
18 THREATENING SITUATION. I THINK IN THIS INSTANCE, I'M NOT FOR
19 SHARIA LAW NORMALLY, BUT THIS TIME AROUND, WITH THESE SCUM
20 BAGS DOING THIS TO THESE FINE PEOPLE FLEEING FOR THEIR LIVES,
21 THANK YOU, MIKE ANTONOVICH, YES, PASS THIS MOTION AND BRING
22 THESE PEOPLE TO JUSTICE. SHIP THEM TO PAKISTAN. SHIP THEM TO
23 IRAN TO FACE THE CHARGES THAT THEY DESERVE. THANK YOU.
24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

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1

2 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** THANK YOU. HELLO. IS THIS THING ON? HELLO.

3 IT'S PRENTICE JENKINS. "CITY LIFE" NEWS PUBLISHER. ACTIVIST

4 SINCE 1991. I DON'T OWN AN AUTOMOBILE BUT I'M STILL UPSET

5 ABOUT PRICE GOUGING. WOW, PEOPLE ARE PRICE GOUGING IN LOS

6 ANGELES? I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT. THEFT IS GOING ON IN LOS

7 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. PEOPLE ARE STEALING MONEY IN LOS ANGELES.

8 BIG, WHITE, FACELESS CORPORATIONS ARE STEALING MONEY? THAT

9 ALMOST NEVER HAPPENS IN LOS ANGELES. IT ABSOLUTELY NEVER

10 HAPPENS. I MEAN, WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. ABOUT BIG

11 WHITE FACELESS CORPORATIONS, RIGHT? STEALING MONEY AND GOUGING

12 PRICES FROM PEOPLE FLEEING FROM A GAS LEAK THAT MAY JUST BLOW

13 UP AT ANY TIME, KILL THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN, BURN THEIR

14 BODIES TO A CRISP. BUT I'M UPSET THAT WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING

15 ABOUT THIS PRICE GOUGING, YOU KNOW? I MEAN, IF YOU'RE A BIG

16 WHITE BILLIONAIRE, YOU SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PRICE GOUGE. YOU

17 SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO STEAL MONEY FROM PEOPLE. YOU KNOW WHAT I

18 MEAN? I MEAN, I REMEMBER WHEN I WAS FIVE-- WHEN I WAS NINE

19 YEARS OLD AND I TRIED TO STEAL \$5 OUT OF MY MOTHER'S PURSE.

20 BOY, YOU AIN'T SEEN A BUTT WHOOPING WHEN YOU SAW ONE. THAT WAS

21 A GOOD ONE. SO GUESS WHAT? I GOT A BUTT WHOOPING FOR THAT.

22 SOMEONE SHOULD GET A BUTT WHOOPING FOR PRICE GOUGING. BUT DO

23 YOU KNOW WHAT? NOBODY'S GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT BIG WHITE

24 FACELESS CORPORATIONS BECAUSE THEY RUN THIS BOARD OF

25 SUPERVISORS, THEY RUN THE CITY COUNCIL, THEY RUN EVERYTHING.

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1 BIG WHITE FACELESS CORPORATIONS. AND THEY CAN PRICE GOUGE AT
2 ANY TIME THEY WANT TO. ALL YOU'RE GOING TO DO IS GET AN
3 UPDATE. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT WHEN YOU CATCH THEM?
4 WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THESE BIG WHITE FACELESS
5 CORPORATIONS? YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
10 AND THIS MORNING I HEARD ON TELEVISION THAT THE PRICE OF OIL
11 IS \$31 A BARREL, THE LOWEST IT'S BEEN IN 12 YEARS. AND YET
12 YOU'RE STILL PAYING OVER \$3 A GALLON FOR GAS IN L.A. SO MUCH
13 FOR PRICE GOUGING. BUT THIS ALISO CANYON STUFF. IT'S KIND OF
14 FASCINATING WHEN YOU READ SOME OF THIS STUFF AND YOU REALLY
15 KNOW, PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT GOES ON IN THE COUNTY. THIS IS THE
16 STORY FROM DECEMBER 31, 2015. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WANTS TO
17 STOP ANY MORE DEVELOPMENT IN THE HIDDEN CREEK SITE. IT'S GOING
18 TO BE ANNEXED. IT'S A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. 188 HOME GATED
19 COMMUNITY THAT TEXAS-BASED FORESTER REAL ESTATE GROUP SEEKS TO
20 BUILD NEXT TO PORTER RANCH. THE STORY GOES ON TO SAY IT WILL
21 THEN BE ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO YOU WONDER WHY
22 THE CITY IS GOING TO ANNEX UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY.
23 THEN YOU SAY, WELL THIS IS JUST A MONEY GRAB BECAUSE THIS IS
24 WHAT THEY'VE DONE IN PORTER RANCH. THEY'VE BUILT THESE HOUSING
25 COMMUNITIES. THEY'VE ALLOWED TO MAKE DEALS WITH THE CITY OF

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1 LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY AUTHORIZES THE BUILDING OF THE
2 COMMUNITIES. AND THEN THEY GET ANNEXED TO THE CITY. SO THE
3 COUNTY KIND OF LIKE WASHES THEIR HANDS OF THIS WHOLE DEAL. SO
4 HOW MANY COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN BUILT AROUND PORTER RANCH? EVER
5 SEEN THAT MOVIE "POLTERGEIST?" THERE WAS A PART IN THAT MOVIE,
6 THE GUY GOES TO LOOK AT A NEW AREA FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND HE
7 SAYS TO THE OWNER OF THE COMPANY, "YOU MOVED THE CEMETERY BUT
8 YOU LEFT THE COFFINS." IT'S THE SAME THING HERE. YOU MOVED THE
9 WELLS BUT YOU LEFT THE GAS. AND THESE PEOPLE HAVE NOTHING
10 LEFT. AND THIS PICTURE HERE OF THESE-- INFRARED PHOTO OF THE
11 GAS LEAK, IT SEEMS TO SHOW A LOT OF GAS LEAKING FROM THE AREA.
12 IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET INFRARED PHOTOS OF THE AREAS THAT ARE
13 PRODUCED IN THIS ARTICLE ABOUT PLAYA DEL REY, SANTA CLARITA.
14 WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. WE HAVE RUTH
17 SARNOFF. WE HAVE ONE MORE WITNESS. RUTH SARNOFF.

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19 **RUTH SARNOFF:** PORTER RANCH IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THE
20 INACTION ABOUT A SITUATION THAT DOESN'T JUST EXIST IN PORTER
21 RANCH BUT EXISTS IN MANY PLACES ALL OVER THE STATE AND ALL
22 OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND PARTICULARLY L.A. COUNTY. IF YOU
23 LOOK AT THE OLD PICTURES, YOU WILL SEE WHERE ALL THE OIL WELLS
24 WERE IN THE 1920S. I THINK YOU HAVE SOME GOOD HISTORICAL
25 PICTURES AROUND IN SOME OF YOUR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND IN

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1 SOME OF YOUR CULTURAL SPOTS. IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO LOOK AT THEM
2 AND TAKE A LOOK. IT WILL SHOCK YOU WHERE ALL THE OIL WELLS
3 SIT. AND IT IS MY CONCERN THAT PERHAPS THE EMISSIONS COMING
4 FROM PORTER RANCH GO BEYOND PORTER RANCH. AND I WOULD URGE YOU
5 TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE AND TO ALSO LOOK AT THE PICTURE OF
6 SOME OF THE OLDEST PIPING, I THINK IT'S EVEN CLAY PIPING. AND
7 YOU HAVE A LOT OF-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO CALL THEM. THEY'RE
8 TICKING TIME BOMBS UNDER YOUR CITY. AND YOU LET ALL KINDS OF
9 BUILDINGS AND REDEVELOPMENT GO UP WITHOUT CALIFORNIA
10 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PROVISIONS. YOU DON'T MAKE THEM GO
11 THROUGH THE MOTIONS AND FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE DOING. AND IT'S
12 NOT JUST THAT. IT'S WATER PIPES. IT'S THE WHOLE SOUTHEAST AREA
13 OF THE COUNTY HERE WHERE YOU'VE PUT ALL YOUR DIRTY INDUSTRIES
14 AND YOUR REFINING AND YOUR PORTS AND YOUR TRUCKS AND YOUR
15 REFINERIES, EVERYTHING'S THERE. YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK AT THE BIG
16 PICTURE. YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE THE
17 POOREST PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY THE ONES THAT ARE TAKING THE
18 HIT.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, BRIAN, IF HE
24 WOULD COME AND THEN ALSO IF WE COULD HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
25 OUR CHIEF FIRE DARYL OSBY.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PUBLIC HEALTH. YOU ALSO WANT
3 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND REC?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS. HOW ARE YOU AWARE
6 THAT THE CONCERNS OF PORTER RANCH HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS
7 PRICE GOUGING? AND WHAT CAN CONSUMER AFFAIRS DO IN THIS ISSUE?

8

9 **BRIAN STIGER:** BRIAN STIGER, DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. SUPERVISOR, SINCE THE BOARD
11 DECLARED ITS STATE OF EMERGENCY ON DECEMBER 13, 2015, THE
12 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MONITORING THE SITUATION VERY CLOSELY UP
13 IN PORTER RANCH. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS, MEDIA REPORTS,
14 ABOUT PRICE GOUGING RELATIVE TO THE RELOCATION EFFORTS, WHICH
15 WE ARE MONITORING. WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY FORMAL COMPLAINTS
16 YET, BUT WE'RE KEEPING OUR EYES AND EARS CLOSE TO THE GROUND.
17 I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY, MIKE FEUER, CALLED ME
18 THE OTHER DAY AND ASKED ME TO PARTNER WITH HIM TO DO SOME
19 INVESTIGATIONS. AND WHERE WE FIND EVIDENCE OF PRICE GOUGING,
20 HIS OFFICE IS PREPARED TO PROSECUTE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD. AND COUNTY COUNSEL, DOES THE COUNTY'S
23 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY GIVE THE COUNTY THE TOOLS TO COMBAT
24 THIS GOUGING? AND IF IT DOES, IS THERE AN ORDINANCE THAT COULD
25 BE DRAFTED TO STRENGTHEN OUR POSITION?

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2 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. WE BELIEVE IT DOES,
3 AND WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING ON AN ORDINANCE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO WOULD BE THE LEAD AGENCY IN THIS?

6

7 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** UNDER PENAL CODE SECTION 396, IT'S THE
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE SHERIFF. BUT UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND
9 PURSUANT TO BUSINESS CODE OF PROFESSION 17.200, IT CAN BE THE
10 COUNTY WORKING WITH THE CITY, AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE
11 CITY ALREADY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE JOINT LAWSUIT, JOIN THE CITY OF LOS
14 ANGELES AGAINST THE GAS COMPANY, WOULD BE COMPARABLE TO
15 SIMILAR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PRICE GOUGING?

16

17 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S INTERESTING. I ATTENDED THE PUBLIC
20 HEARINGS AT GRENADA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL THIS PAST SATURDAY. IT
21 WAS VERY GOOD HEARINGS. CONGRESSMAN STEVE KNIGHT, ASSEMBLYMAN
22 SCOTT WILK, COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SCOTT
23 SCHMERELSON WAS THERE ALONG WITH MYSELF AND MEMBERS OF THE
24 COMMUNITY. BUT THIS IS WHAT'S VERY INTERESTING. THIS
25 CATASTROPHE, WHICH I CALL IT MINI CHERNOBYL, WHAT THE SCHOOL

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1 DISTRICT HAS DONE, AND I COMMEND SCOTT FOR HIS LEADERSHIP,
2 THEY TOOK EVERYTHING FROM THE SCHOOL AND RELOCATED IT TO THE
3 NEW SCHOOL. SO WHEN THE CHILDREN WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TODAY,
4 THEY HAD THEIR OWN DESK. THEY HAD EVERYTHING FROM THE INTERIOR
5 OF THEIR CLASSROOM. SO EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE MOVED TO A NEW
6 LOCATION, THEY HAD THE SECURITY THAT THEY WERE STILL IN THEIR
7 CLASS, WE HOPE. AND THAT THE GAS COMPANY WILL REIMBURSE THE
8 L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THIS. BECAUSE THEY WERE
9 PUTTING THE CHILDREN FIRST, NOT LAST. WE HEARD-- IT WAS VERY
10 DISAPPOINTING BECAUSE THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY FOR THE GAS COMPANY
11 BEFORE THEIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT HEARING BOARD WAS A
12 LOBBYIST. IT WASN'T THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY. IT WASN'T
13 THE HEAD OF THEIR PROTOCOL, THE ENGINEER INVOLVED WITH THE
14 CLEANUP. IT WAS FROM A DOWNTOWN LAW FIRM. AND THAT TO ME WAS
15 AN INSULT TO THE VICTIMS WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN THOUSANDS OF
16 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN RELOCATED. AND IT TOOK A COURT ORDER ON
17 DECEMBER I BELIEVE IT'S 23RD OR 22ND WHERE THE COURT ORDERED
18 THE GAS COMPANY TO HELP WITH RELOCATIONS. AND THEY HAD TO
19 APPOINT A RETIRED JUDGE THAT WOULD HEAR THESE CASES AND MAKE
20 DECISIONS WITHIN 24 HOURS TO 72 HOURS. AND TO ME WE HEARD THE
21 SAME RHETORIC AT THE HEARING THAT THEY HAD BEEN INVOLVED, THE
22 GAS COMPANY, WITH ALL THESE RELOCATIONS. BUT AGAIN WE HEARD
23 THAT A COUPLE MONTHS AGO WHEN THEY TESTIFIED HERE. BUT IT TOOK
24 A COURT ORDER. AND I COMMEND THE CITY ATTORNEY, MICHAEL FEUER
25 ON THAT ISSUE. AND COUNTY COUNSEL JOINING IN ON THAT EFFORT.

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1 WHAT'S ALSO VERY, VERY FRUSTRATING, THAT THERE'S BEEN A
2 COMPLETE-- STATE AGENCIES HAVE GONE TO SLEEP. THEY'VE TURNED A
3 BLIND EYE. AND THERE'S BIPARTISAN EFFORT, STATE SENATOR, SEN.
4 PAVLEY, INTRODUCED PROPOSALS THAT THEY WILL BE WORKING ON
5 RELATIVE TO REQUIRING INSPECTIONS OF THESE WELLS. SOME OF
6 THESE WELLS ARE 60 YEARS OLD. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN INSPECTED IN
7 DECADES. AND LOOKING AT ALL OF THESE VARIOUS LEAKS THAT ARE
8 OCCURRING. WE HAD REPRESENTATIVES FROM MONTEBELLO WHO SPOKE
9 THAT HAD SIMILAR PROBLEMS. AND WE KNOW THERE ARE OTHER AREAS
10 WITHIN THIS BASIN THAT ALSO HAVE PROBLEMS BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T
11 HAD THE INSPECTIONS WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF OIL, GAS,
12 GEOTHERMAL ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR. AND THEN THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
13 COMMISSION. SHE'S ALSO SAYING THAT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
14 SERVICES ARE FROM THE STATE OUGHT TO BE IN CHARGE OF
15 COORDINATING ALL OF THIS AT THE STATE LEVEL BECAUSE YOU STILL
16 HAVE A DYSFUNCTIONAL RESPONSE. AND AS WE SPEAK HERE, THESE
17 PEOPLE ARE HAVING TO BREATHE THOSE FUMES. AND, AGAIN, IT
18 RUINED THEIR THANKSGIVING. IT RUINED THEIR HANUKKAH. IT RUINED
19 THEIR CHRISTMAS. IT RUINED THEIR NEW YEAR'S. IT RUINED THEIR
20 ENTIRE LIFE FROM THE CHILDREN ON UP TO THE AGED. AND SOMEHOW,
21 I KNOW WE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND WITH
22 A FIRE BEING OUT OF CONTROL WITH THEM JUST TAKING A "WE'LL GET
23 TO IT TOMORROW" ATTITUDE. THANK GOD WE HAVE A WONDERFUL FIRE
24 DEPARTMENT THAT RESPONDS. BUT THAT'S WHAT WE NEED AT THE STATE
25 LEVEL. SO WE'RE KIND OF IN A POSITION WHERE WE'RE WATCHING THE

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1 VICTIMS AND TRYING TO HELP THEM, BUT ALL WE HAVE IS THE
2 RHETORIC. AND I KNOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS THERE. BUT
3 PERHAPS, CINDY, IF YOU CAN GIVE US AN UPDATE. YOU COORDINATE
4 WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, BUT THE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
5 DISTRICT HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED. YET THEY SHOULD BE
6 COORDINATING WITH YOU AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY
7 ALSO ARE INVOLVED WITH AIR QUALITY. THAT WAS 25 PERCENT OF THE
8 GREENHOUSE GASES ARE BEING EMITTED FROM THIS ONE LEAK. AND
9 THAT CALLS FOR COORDINATION THERE. BUT I COMMEND THE COUNTY
10 WORKING TOGETHER. BUT MAYBE YOU COULD GIVE US SOME UPDATE?

11

12 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS.
13 CYNTHIA HARDING, INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
14 HEALTH AND I'M HERE WITH DR. CYRUS RANKIN, OUR MEDICAL
15 DIRECTOR FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND THE DIRECTOR OF OUR
16 TOXICOLOGY PROGRAM. YES, THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FIRE
17 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. WE'VE BEEN WORKING VERY
18 CLOSELY TOGETHER ON THIS ISSUE. AND WITH A.Q.M.D. SINCE THE
19 BEGINNING, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM ON THE AIR MONITORING
20 ASPECT OF THIS. WE'VE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THEM. AS SOON
21 AS WE HEARD ABOUT THIS WE CALLED THEM, AND WE ENGAGED WITH
22 THEM, AND WE'VE BEEN ON REGULAR CALLS WITH THEM.

23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND DOES THE A.Q.M.D. OR THE GAS COMPANY
2 NOTIFY YOU OR ASK FOR YOUR ANALYSIS IN REGARDS TO THE PROPOSED
3 METHANE BURN OFF?

4

5 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** WELL, THIS RECENT PROPOSED METHANE BURN OFF
6 PROPOSAL THAT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE L.A. TIMES, WE WERE NOT AT
7 ALL CONSULTED ABOUT THAT. AND IT'S VERY DISCONCERTING BECAUSE
8 ONE WOULD THINK THAT THE HEALTH OFFICER WOULD BE CONCERNED ON
9 A PROPOSAL OF THAT MAGNITUDE. ARE PERMITS NECESSARY FOR EITHER
10 OF YOUR AGENCIES FOR THE PROPOSED METH AND BURN OFF.

11

12 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** SO NOT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH BUT I'LL TURN TO
13 CHIEF OSBY TO ADDRESS THAT.

14

15 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** SAME THING IN RELATION TO THE FIRE
16 DEPARTMENT, AS RELATES TO OUR RELATIONSHIP AND ONGOING
17 ASSESSMENT AND WORKING RELATIONSHIP IN THIS INCIDENT, BUT TO
18 ANSWER YOUR QUESTION SPECIFICALLY, PERMITS AREN'T REQUIRED,
19 BUT AN APPROVAL PROCESS IS REQUIRED. AND WE'RE MAKING AN
20 ASSESSMENT, AS WE SPEAK, ON THAT PLAN.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN DID THE A.Q.M.D. BECOME INVOLVED WITH
23 YOUR AGENCIES IN RESPONSE TO THE GAS LEAK?

24

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1 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** WE'VE BEEN IN COLLABORATION WITH THEM SINCE
2 THE ONSET OF THE GAS LEAK WAS ANNOUNCED. FROM OUR
3 UNDERSTANDING, OCTOBER 23RD. THERE WAS A DELAYED RESPONSE
4 GETTING BACK TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN WE WERE NOTIFIED
5 OCTOBER 26TH. BUT SINCE THEN WE'VE HAD ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH
6 A.Q.M.D.. HOWEVER, AS YOU ARTICULATED, THIS BURN, PLAN TO BURN
7 THE METHANE GAS AND THE RELEASE OF THE GAS, WAS NOT DISCUSSED
8 PRIOR WITH MYSELF, THE DEPARTMENT OR PUBLIC HEALTH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN THEY DO THE BURN OFF, YOU HAVE TO
11 OBSERVE THAT, DON'T YOU? WHO IS THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR
12 OBSERVING THE BURN OFF? IS IT THE DEPARTMENT OF OIL, GAS,
13 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES? OR IS IT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT?

14

15 **CHIEF DARYL OSBY:** I THINK HONORABLE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IN
16 THIS SITUATION, WE'RE NON-CHARTERED TERRITORY, NUMBER ONE. BUT
17 NUMBER TWO DUE TO THE COMPLEXITY, THERE'S NOT ONE ENTITY
18 THAT'S REALLY IDENTIFIED AS THE LEAD. THEREFORE BETWEEN PUBLIC
19 HEALTH, FIRE, A.Q.M.D. AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES, WE ALL HAVE
20 OUR FINGERPRINTS IN RELATION TO TRYING TO APPROVE THE PLAN.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY THE SENATOR'S SUGGESTION THAT THE
23 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AT THE STATE LEVEL BE THE
24 COORDINATING AGENCY SO THAT THE CITIES, THE COUNTY AND THE
25 STATE ARE ALL WORKING AS ONE INSTEAD OF HAVING THIS SHOTGUN

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1 APPROACH. AND AGAIN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LIFE AND SAFETY THERE.
2 BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE, ONE WOULD BE A REPORT BACK
3 THAT THE LEGISLATION THAT'S BEING PROPOSED, WOULD DIRECT THE
4 C.E.O. TO DO AN ANALYSIS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WHEN
5 THAT LEGISLATION IS INTRODUCED SO WE CAN WORK ON THAT. SO THAT
6 WOULD BE A REPORT BACK ON THAT LEGISLATION WHEN INTRODUCED.
7 THE SECOND ONE, THE PROPOSAL, HIDDEN CREEK'S PROJECT, IS A 185
8 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE PORTER RANCH AREA OF THE SAN
9 FERNANDO VALLEY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE WOULD DIRECT
10 THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO
11 OUTREACH WITH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY TO BEGIN
12 A DIALOGUE ON HOW THAT PROPERTY COULD BE PURCHASED AND
13 CONVERTED TO PERMANENT OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
14 I DON'T KNOW IF WE CAN VOTE ON THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE TODAY OR
15 WE HAVE TO HAVE THAT FOR NEXT WEEK, PUT THAT ON THE AGENDA.
16 BUT THE REPORT BACK ON THE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BE FORMED,
17 BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE MOVING TOWARD AN URGENCY CLAUSE THAT
18 SHE'LL BE WORKING ON. I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO ACT ON
19 THAT WITHIN THE WEEK. BUT WHATEVER WE COULD DO TODAY, WE CAN
20 DO, AND WHATEVER HAS TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK WE
21 COULD PUT ON THE AGENDA.

22
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS AMENDMENT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECOND.

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1 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** JUST TO CLARIFY?

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

4

5 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** TO CLARIFY, I
6 BELIEVE IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ACT ON ITEM NO. 1 ON
7 THE MOTION AND I BELIEVE NUMBER 2 WE CAN PLACE ON NEXT WEEK'S
8 AGENDA OR JANUARY 19TH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'RE ACTING ON THE ONE AND WE'RE PLACING THE
15 OTHER ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** CORRECT. ITEM NO. 2
18 WILL BE BROUGHT BACK.

19

20 **C.E.O. HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 1 IS JUST A REPORT BACK.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE ONE WITH DIRECTING THE C.E.O. TO
23 REPORT BACK ON THE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD COME FROM
24 SACRAMENTO, IF WE CAN DIRECT HER TODAY. THE OTHER WE CAN HAVE
25 A REPORT BACK ON THE NEXT WEEK.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION.
3 WE'RE DONE WITH THIS ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I HAD A QUESTION.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR
8 KUEHL HAS A QUESTION FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DO. BUT I'LL WAIT FOR A MINUTE. I HAVE A
11 QUESTION FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WHEN HE GETS BACK TO HIS
12 SEAT. I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT L.A. UNIFIED BECAUSE YOU WERE
13 PRAISING THEM FOR THE WAY THAT THEY RELOCATED CHILDREN TO NEW
14 SCHOOLS. BUT I'M UNDER THE IMPRESSION IT COST THEM QUITE A BIT
15 OF MONEY. ARE THEY TO BE REIMBURSED, AS WELL?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'RE ASKING THIS GAS COMPANY TO PAY FOR
18 THAT RELOCATION OF THE TEMPORARY SCHOOLS.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR US TO
21 SUPPORT THAT REQUEST BUT I REALLY WOULD.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD, TOO.

24

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S NOT JUST RELOCATION. OF COURSE, WE
2 CARE ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WILL YOU INTRODUCE,
5 CO-AUTHORED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL ON NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA THAT WE
6 SUPPORT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR FULL REIMBURSEMENT
7 FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE TEMPORARY SCHOOLS AS A RESULT OF THE
8 PORTER RANCH. HOW'S THAT?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. THAT WILL BE
11 BROUGHT BACK. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WEEK.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HELD ITEM 9?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. THIS
22 ITEM IS ONE THAT GIVES US GREAT POTENTIAL AND IT OUGHT TO BE
23 ACKNOWLEDGED AS SUCH. IT WAS LAST WEEK THAT PRESIDENT PRO TEM
24 OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, KEVIN DE LE N, HAD A GROUP OF
25 BIPARTISAN SENATORS ANNOUNCE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE

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1 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE TO PREVENT AND AT ONCE ADDRESS THE ISSUE
2 OF HOMELESSNESS. IT WAS TITLED NO PLACE LIKE HOME. AS BEST AS
3 WE CAN SORT OUT, THE PROPOSAL WOULD RE-PURPOSE THE MENTAL
4 HEALTH SERVICES ACT RESOURCES AND POTENTIALLY SECURE \$2
5 BILLION BOND TO CONSTRUCT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. I
6 THINK THIS IS INNOVATIVE THINKING AND I WANT TO SALUTE IT
7 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL CRISIS IN TERMS OF
8 HOMELESSNESS. AND WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE SHORTAGE OF
9 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SOME 500,000 UNITS SHORT IN THE COUNTY OF
10 LOS ANGELES, WE SHOULD WELCOME EVERY SINGLE PROPOSAL THAT CAN
11 HELP US DEAL WITH OUR CHALLENGE. IT'S INTERESTING THAT ALMOST
12 40 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION IN THE STATE OF
13 CALIFORNIA HAPPENS TO RESIDE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
14 THOSE NUMBERS BEING STATEWIDE APPROXIMATELY 119,000 IN THE
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 44,000 SUCH PERSONS. AND THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS BEEN PARTNERING WITH THE HOUSING
17 DEVELOPERS TO INNOVATIVELY LEVERAGE THESE M.H.S.A. FUNDS TO
18 CREATE NOW SOME NEARLY 1,000 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
19 UNITS AND MORE TO COME. AND SO IT'S NOT AS IF WE DON'T HAVE A
20 BIT OF A RECORD OR HISTORY IN MAKING THINGS OF THIS SORT
21 HAPPEN. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE NEED TO DO MORE OF IT.
22 AND THE PROPOSAL THAT'S BEING SET FOR THE BY SENATOR DE LEON
23 WILL DO PRECISELY THAT. WE NEED TO DO MORE OF THIS. A LOT OF
24 WORK HAS TO BE DONE. WE NEED TO THINK IT THROUGH. BUT I WANT
25 TO ACKNOWLEDGE CREATIVE THINKING HERE. IT WAS IN OCTOBER OF

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1 LAST YEAR THAT FORMER SENATOR DARRELL STEINBERG BEGAN TO THINK
2 THROUGH THIS NOTION. CALLED ME WHEN WE WERE CONTEMPLATING OUR
3 UNPRECEDENTED COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPOSAL, LED
4 BY SENATOR KUEHL AND CO-AUTHORED BY ME. HE MENTIONED THEN THAT
5 WE NEED TO BE THINKING THROUGH WAYS TO DO MORE RATHER THAN
6 LESS AND PERHAPS THE PROP 63 FUNDS, NAMELY THE M.H.S.A. FUNDS,
7 COULD THEN BE A TOOL. THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
8 OFFICER BEGAN THINKING ABOUT THIS. SO WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF
9 A HEAD START HERE. THE QUESTION IS: CAN WE CLOSE THE DEAL? CAN
10 WE CAUSE THIS TO MOVE THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE, BOTH THE SENATE
11 AND THE ASSEMBLY? CAN WE CAUSE THE GOVERNOR TO WEIGH IN? CAN
12 WE GET THIS DONE AS A PART OF THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO HELP
13 US FIGHT HOMELESSNESS HERE IN L.A COUNTY AND WELL BEYOND? I
14 THINK THAT WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
15 GET MORE RATHER THAN LESS FROM THIS EFFORT. AND IF WE DO THAT,
16 IT WILL BE ANOTHER GOOD DAY OF THE WORK THAT WE ARE TRYING TO
17 ENGAGE TO RID OUR COMMUNITY OF HOMELESSNESS IN THIS
18 UNPRECEDENTED WAY AND RESTORE DIGNITY AND PURPOSE TO THE LIVES
19 OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO FIND THEMSELVES YET HOMELESS. MADAME
20 CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, I'M PLEASED TO CO-
25 SPONSOR THIS MOTION. I THINK THAT A LOT OF TIMES THE STANCE

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1 THAT WE TAKE IS MORE OF A PETITIONER. THIS IS WHAT WE WANT.
2 THIS IS WHAT WE WANT. THIS IS WHAT WE WANT. THE INTERESTING
3 THING I THINK ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL IS THAT IT GIVES US THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE WITH THE PRO TEM'S OFFICE
5 IN THE DRAFTING OF BOND LANGUAGE IN SORT OF THE WHOLE APPROACH
6 BECAUSE INSTEAD OF SAYING, 'OH PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T
7 HAVE ANY DIMINUTION OF FUNDS," IT FEELS LIKE WE CAN ACTUALLY
8 PARTICIPATE IN TRYING TO WORK THROUGH THE KINDS OF SOLUTIONS
9 THAT WILL HELP US PROTECT THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDS
10 THAT WE NEED WHILE SUPPORTING THE USE OF THE 6 PERCENT, WHICH
11 MIGHT BE EVEN LESS THAN THE GROWTH FACTOR EACH YEAR TO BE USED
12 FOR HOUSING. SO I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS
13 KIND OF A WIN/WIN POSITION FOR THE COUNTY, HELP TO FRAME HOW
14 THE COMPETITIVE GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN. WE HAD A CONVERSATION
15 ALREADY WITH THE PRO TEM'S OFFICE ABOUT DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF
16 THE STATE AND HOW THEY MIGHT SEE IT. HOPEFULLY THE COUNTY,
17 SINCE WE HAVE 40 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESSNESS AT THE STATE,
18 WOULD BE ONE OF THE SECTIONS, GOING FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS
19 JUST WITHIN OUR COUNTY. SO I THINK WE HAVE A REAL OPPORTUNITY
20 HERE TO GET AHEAD OF IT, REALLY WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE,
21 BOTH HOUSES AND THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT DOES WORK
22 FOR US, THAT WE ALSO ARE MORE PARTNERS THAN PETITIONERS.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE TWO SPEAKERS, WAYNE FROM
25 ENCINO AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND MADAME CHAIR, AS THEY COME, MAY I
3 SIMPLY AMEND THE MOTION BY INCLUDING THE TREASURER TAX
4 COLLECTOR AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR IN THE MIX OF DEPARTMENTS WHO BRAINSTORM THE IDEAS OF
6 THE ISSUE. I'M SURE THAT THEY WILL ADD VALUE.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I SUPPORT THE MOTION, TOO. WE'RE NOT GOING TO
11 MINIMIZE THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, AS WELL? THEY'RE GOING TO BE
12 PART OF THAT INPUT? OKAY, THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. OUR WITNESS-- WITNESSES?

15

16 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME. IT'S A GOOD
17 TITLE. BECAUSE IT'S LIKE MOST PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO ENDURE THE
18 TREACHERY OF LIVING IN THIS COUNTY, IN THIS CITY. IF WE COULD
19 JUST CLICK OUR HEELS AND GO BACK TO MALIBU WHERE IT ALL BEGAN,
20 THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME BECAUSE
21 LIVING IN THIS COUNTY, LIVING IN THIS CITY IS JUST AN ABSOLUTE
22 NIGHTMARE. AND YOU THINK, MAYBE INLAND. SO IN THE END, THE
23 HOMELESS AND THE TREACHERY THEY LIVE. NO, WE WON'T. IT'S A BAD
24 TITLE BECAUSE ANY PLACE YOU GO IN THIS COUNTY, EVERYWHERE YOU
25 GO, THERE'S SOMEBODY IN PERIL. I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT IS. I

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1 DON'T KNOW WHY IT IS, WITH ALL THE MONEY WE TAKE IN WITH TAXES
2 AND ALL THESE BONDS AND ALL THESE PROPERTY TAXES AND SALES
3 TAXES AND FEES WHY WE CAN'T FIX ANYTHING. AND YET I CAN GO UP
4 THE 101 AND AS SOON AS I LEAVE L.A. COUNTY AND I ENTER VENTURA
5 COUNTY, ALL THE ROADS ARE PAVED, HAPPY PEOPLE. I DON'T SEE
6 SHANTIES ALL OVER EVERY CORNER. WHY IS THAT? WHAT IS IT THAT
7 WE'RE NOT DOING RIGHT THAT EVERYBODY SEEMS TO BASICALLY
8 MANAGE? WHAT IS IT THAT WE'RE DOING WRONG HERE? AND WHAT WE'RE
9 DOING WRONG HERE IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION. OVER
10 IN THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE AT LOS ANGELES CITY, THEY HAVE
11 COMMITTEES. EVERYBODY NEEDS TO GET TOGETHER, TAKE THE BILLION
12 DOLLARS, NOW IT'S \$2 BILLION, NEXT WEEK IT WILL BE \$3 BILLION,
13 AND, YES, LET'S ALL CLICK OUR HEELS AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE OUT
14 OF HERE AND ON OUR MALIBU BEACH.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A
19 SMALL SAMPLING OF JUST WHAT'S SO WRONG WITH GOVERNMENT.
20 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING VERSUS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
21 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN AND OF ITSELF AMOUNTS TO THE
22 FACT THAT YOU NEED OVERSIGHT, YOU NEED PERSONNEL. YOU NEED TO
23 HAVE GOVERNMENT INVOLVED IN THAT HOUSING. WHEN THEY CLOSED THE
24 FACILITIES, WHEN THE STATE CLOSED THE FACILITIES, IT WASN'T
25 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING; IT WAS STATE-RUN FACILITIES,

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1 WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, WHICH IS
2 DIFFERENT FROM AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WHY DON'T YOU SEPARATE
3 THOSE, STEP UP AND SEPARATE THEM? BY THE WAY, DID YOU SAY
4 STANCE OR DANCE, SHEILA? IT WAS AWFULLY CONFUSING BACK THERE.
5 YOU HAD LAST WEEK THE SHERIFF REPRESENTATIVE TALK ABOUT WHEN
6 HE WENT OUT TO DO THE WORK, 200 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. YOU
7 HAD AN AWARD FOR PACIFIC PALISADES, A GROUP TO ADDRESS
8 HOMELESSNESS. THERE'S 200 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, THEY GET
9 NO MONEY FROM THE COUNTY, THEY GET NO STATE FUNDS, THEY GET NO
10 MONEY. SO YOU WANT TO GIVE MORE MONEY TO GET THESE FREAK STUFF
11 DONE BY THESE FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, BY COMMITTEES THAT
12 ARE FORMED BY THESE COMMUNITIES. OH AND BY THE WAY, RIORDAN
13 DONATED 1,000 PONCHOS AND 1,000 TARPS. MAYBE THE COUNCIL, AND
14 THE CITY COUNCIL DONATED SOCKS LAST YEAR. MAYBE YOU GUYS CAN
15 DONATE THE RUBY RED SLIPPERS, THEY CAN CLICK TOGETHER AND
16 EVERYBODY WILL BE BACK IN KANSAS. IT'S SO RIDICULOUS. IT IS
17 REALLY SO RIDICULOUS TO HEAR YOU HARP ON THIS, AND TALK ABOUT,
18 "WE NEED MORE MONEY, WE NEED MORE MONEY, WE NEED MORE MONEY."
19 GET A PLAN. GET PEOPLE OUT OF OFFICE.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE PRENTICE JENKINS ALSO WANTS
22 TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

23

24 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** PRENTICE JENKINS, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991. "CITY
25 LIFE" NEWSLETTER. LET ME GET IT STRAIGHT. YOU FOLKS ARE GOING

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1 TO SPEND \$2 BILLION ON HOMELESS PEOPLE. I WANT TO SEE THE SHOW
2 OF HANDS OF EVERYBODY IN HERE WHO BELIEVES THAT. YOU GOING TO
3 SPEND \$2 BILLION ON PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY? COME ON.
4 YOU GOING TO TAKE \$2 BILLION, TAKE \$30 MILLION OUT OF THAT AND
5 THEN TAKE THE REST OF IT TO SPEND IT ON YOURSELVES AND YOUR
6 NICE LITTLE PLANS THAT YOU GOT GOING. NOBODY IS GOING TO SPEND
7 \$2 BILLION ON THE HOMELESS. YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT. YOU'RE NOT
8 GOING TO DO THAT. YOU JUST WANT TO GET \$2 BILLION. THERE'S A
9 FEW WAYS YOU CAN GET BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SAY YOU'RE GOING TO
10 SPEND IT ON KIDS, ANIMALS OR THE HOMELESS. THAT'S HOW YOU GET
11 \$2 BILLION. THEN YOU TAKE \$10 MILLION OUT OF THAT TO SPEND THE
12 REST ON BIG FAT SWEET PROJECTS THAT YOUR BIG FAT CONTRACTORS
13 CAN COME IN AND TAKE. \$2 BILLION? THERE ARE GOING TO BE
14 CONTRACTORS ALL OVER THE PLACE. OH MY GOD. I MEAN, I THINK
15 I'LL TRY FOR MY CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE. \$2 BILLION ON THE
16 HOMELESS. THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT?
17 BRIEFLY IN 1985 I WAS HOMELESS. SO I KNOW THE HOMELESS. AND I
18 UNDERSTAND ONE THING. YOU PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO SPEND \$2
19 BILLION ON THE HOMELESS. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. THE HOMELESS DON'T
20 HAVE ANY MONEY. THERE'S NO REASON TO SPEND \$2 BILLION ON THE
21 HOMELESS. YOU TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND \$2 BILLION ON THE
22 HOMELESS. THAT'S LIKE DONALD TRUMP SAYING HE'S GOING TO PUT A
23 BILLION DOLLARS INTO HILLARY CLINTON'S CAMPAIGN TO GET HER
24 ELECTED. HOW MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN? WELL
25 THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, EITHER. YOU'RE GOING TO GET \$2

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1 BILLION. YOU'LL GET YOUR \$2 BILLION. AND THE HOMELESS WILL
2 STILL BE OUT THERE IN THEM TENTS DROWNING. AND YOU REALLY
3 WON'T HAVE TO SPEND IT ON THE HOMELESS. JUST WAIT FOR EL NI O.
4 IT WILL WASH THEM ALL AWAY. YOU'LL SEE THEM ALL FLOATING DOWN
5 THE L.A. RIVER, ALL THOSE HOMELESS PEOPLE.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME IS UP. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM HAS
8 BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY KUEHL AS
9 AMENDED. SO IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AS WE MOVE
10 ALONG HERE, CLOSED SESSION ITEMS WE HAVE MULTIPLE ITEMS THAT
11 HAVE BEEN PULLED BY WAYNE SPINDLER AND PRENTICE JENKINS, C.S.-
12 1, C.S.-2 AND C.S.-3. YOU WILL BE HEARD. WE HAVEN'T DONE
13 ADJOURNMENTS YET, EITHER. THANK YOU. LET'S HAVE SOME ORDER. IF
14 YOU ARE GOING TO SPEAK, START.

15

16 **PRENTICE JACKSON:** YEAH, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES? WOW. I WISH I WAS A
17 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE. HOW MUCH DOES A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAKE? I SURE
18 LIKE TO GET IN ON SOME OF THAT SWEET CASH. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES.
19 YOU GET VACATION TIME. IS THERE AN ACTUAL--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME COUNSEL, THIS ISN'T--

22

23 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** THAT'S PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THIS IS NOT GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU HELD C.S.-
2 1, 2 AND 3. HE IS GIVING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** OH, I'M SORRY. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
5 NEGOTIATOR, I GET MIXED UP. I LOVE TO HEAR SOME-- REGARDING
6 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTING
7 EMPLOYEES, COALITION. HEY, THESE GUYS ARE ALL RIGHT, A.F.L.-
8 C.I.O., THAT'S A BIG HUGE UNION. HEY, DID THEY EVER FIND JIMMY
9 HOFFA? I GUESS NOT, HUH. PHARMACEUTICALS. LOOK AT THAT. PEACE
10 OFFICERS. WHY DO THEY CALL THEM PEACE OFFICERS IF THEY SHOOT
11 PEOPLE SO MANY? IF YOU SHOOT THAT MANY PEOPLE, HOW CAN THEY BE
12 CALLED PEACE OFFICERS?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I DON'T BELIEVE THIS HAS ANYTHING TO
15 DO WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS.

16

17 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** LABOR NEGOTIATIONS, OKAY. SO WE'RE DEALING
18 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS OF UNIONS. THIS IS ABOUT UNIONS. YEAH.
19 WE'RE DEALING WITH LABOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNIONS. UNIONS ARE
20 GOOD. I WAS PART OF A UNION. SO IS THE COUNCIL IN ON THIS
21 TRYING TO BREAK UP UNIONS? IS THIS ABOUT THE TEACHERS THAT SHE
22 DOESN'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN DONATIONS? THAT'S NOT IT.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE OFF SUBJECT.

25

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1 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** I'M CONFUSED NOW.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S WHY YOUR TESTIMONY IS UNRELATED.

4

5 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** OKAY, I'M GOING TO WING IT. I'M GOING TO
6 WING IT, FOLKS. SO YOU GOT PROFESSIONALS, SPECIALISTS,
7 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES. CHIEF
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND WHO ELSE? DESIGNATED STAFF. CONFERENCE
9 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. SO THERE'S GOING TO BE A CONFERENCE
10 WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS, IS THAT CORRECT.
11 DID I MISS IT AGAIN?

12

13 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT IS NOT A TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS. IT
14 IS TIME TO STAY WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF WHAT IS WITHIN THE
15 SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CLOSED SESSION.

16

17 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** WOW, THAT'S A LOT. YOU PLAY SCRABBLE, DON'T
18 YOU? WOW, EMPLOYEES, ORGANIZATIONS. REPRESENT EMPLOYEES. THE
19 COALITION OF COUNTIES. I HAD NO IDEA WHAT THIS IS AND I WENT
20 TO PUBLIC SCHOOL. SO I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. BUT I AM
21 CONFUSED ON THIS ONE. WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO-- WHAT ARE WE
22 ASKING? IS THERE GOING TO BE A CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
23 NEGOTIATORS. MY GOD.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED.

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1

2 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** MY GOD.

3

4 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. HERE WE GO. A WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUIT. MR.
5 BURLEY. YES, BURLEY, A MINOR. AN AUGUST 2012 ARREST OF MR.
6 BURLEY. SO HERE AGAIN, OUR LOVELY COPS GET ON MR. BURLEY. SO
7 ONE OF OUR LOVELY POLICE OFFICERS "HI, MR. BURLEY. HI, POLICE
8 OFFICER SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. ". AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW,
9 DEAD. YOU GOT TO PAY WHEN THAT HAPPENS. THEN WE GOT THE
10 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE. WELL, WE'RE BASING DEPARTMENT
11 HEAD PERFORMANCES ON THE HEAD. WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE? SO NOW
12 WE GET TO C.S.-3, THE UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES. AND THE SUPREME
13 COURT IS ABOUT TO GET THESE PEOPLE OFF OF THAT UNION PAYROLL.
14 THE NON-UNION WHO ARE FORCED TO PAY INTO THE UNION WILL SOON
15 NO LONGER BE FORCED AT GUN POINT TO PAY THESE UNIONS THEIR
16 MONEY FOR THESE SO-CALLED DUES. AMNESTY FOR WORKERS. OF ALL
17 THE PLACES, THE SUPREME COURT IS GOING TO DO THAT WHAT YOU
18 WANT TO TALK IN CLOSED SESSION. CAN YOU BELIEVE THE SAME
19 SUPREME [NO SOUND] COMMITTED THE CRIME OF APPOINTING THE
20 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES GEORGE W. BUSH ILLEGALLY. THE
21 SAME CRIMINAL SUPREME COURT THAT TOOK AWAY A LAWFUL ELECTION
22 OF A PRESIDENT, AL GORE AND CEDED THE CRIMINAL GEORGE W. BUSH
23 IS NOW GOING TO EMANCIPATE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE NOT UNION FROM
24 BEING FORCED TO PAY DUES TO A UNION THEY DON'T WANT TO BELONG
25 TO. WELL, IT'S THE GIVE-AND-TAKE, ISN'T IT? THE GIVE-AND-TAKE

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1 SUPREME COURT. AND WHY? WHEN YOU'RE IN CLOSED SESSION WOULD
2 THEY DO THIS?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH LABOR
5 NEGOTIATIONS.

6

7 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OH, IT DOES, .

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** NO IT DOESN'T.

10

11 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH PEACE. WE WILL HAVE A
12 REVOLUTION IF SOMETHING IS NOT DONE ABOUT THIS RIDICULOUS
13 GOVERNMENT AND THE WAY THEY TREAT WORKERS AND PEOPLE LIKE
14 TOTAL GARBAGE. SO THAT'S THE REASON THE SUPREME COURT'S GOING
15 TO ACT THAT WAY. AND WHEN THEY DO, YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO HAVE
16 TO EVALUATE WHEN THESE UNIONS GET ALL THAT CASH AND THEY START
17 LOSING IT, HOW ARE THEY GOING TO PAY FOR YOU GUYS TO WIN YOUR
18 OFFICES AND YOUR KIDS' OFFICES IN THE FUTURE? BECAUSE IT'S
19 GOING TO BE HARDER TO BUY THESE ELECTIONS WHEN YOU DON'T GET
20 THAT MUCH CAMPAIGN CASH. SO WHEN YOU'RE IN CLOSED SESSION,
21 YOU'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY. YOU'LL GET AROUND THE LAW, JUST LIKE
22 GEORGE W. BUSH DID WITH HIS WAR. YOU'LL GET AROUND THE LAW.

23

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE ARE NOW GOING TO MOVE TO
2 SPECIAL ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENTS. AND I BELIEVE WE BEGIN WITH
3 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

4
5 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE WE ADJOURN
6 IN THE MEETING OF THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN ARNOLD MIHAN, AN
7 EDUCATIONAL LEADER, ADMINISTRATOR, VISIONARY AND MOLDER OF ONE
8 OF LARGEST CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE UNITED STATES. HE
9 ATTENDED ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY, WAS ORDAINED APRIL 30, 1959 AND
10 FOLLOWING HIS ORDINATION, HE ATTENDED CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN
11 WASHINGTON, D.C. WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS PH.D. IN EDUCATION.
12 FATHER MIHAN SERVED AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF
13 ARCHDIOCESAN SCHOOLS AND THEN SUPERINTENDENT OF ELEMENTARY
14 SCHOOLS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE, WHICH HE LED UNTIL 1986. IN 1988,
15 AFTER A SABBATICAL IN ROME, HE BECAME PASTOR OF CORPUS CHRISTI
16 CHURCH IN PACIFIC PALISADES FOR THE NEXT 12 YEARS. HE RETIRED
17 IN 2000 AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER NANCY KELSEY. AND I MOVE
18 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PAT
19 HARRINGTON, JR., AN ACTOR AND COMEDIAN WHO PORTRAYED THE
20 FARCICALLY MACHO BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT, DWAYNE SCHNEIDER IN
21 "ONE DAY AT A TIME." HE DIED JANUARY 6TH IN LOS ANGELES AT THE
22 AGE OF 86. THOUGH HE WAS ALWAYS A SUPPORTING CHARACTER,
23 HARRINGTON'S ROLE AS DWAYNE F. SCHNEIDER WAS WIDELY CREDITED
24 FOR THE IMMENSE POPULARITY OF THE SERIES THAT EXPLORED SEXISM,
25 HARASSMENT AND OTHER TRIBULATIONS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A

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1 DIVORCED WORKING WOMAN. THE ROLE BROUGHT HARRINGTON FAME AND
2 ALSO AN EMMY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SALLY CLEAVER, HIS
3 SONS PATRICK AND TERRY AND BY A DAUGHTER THERESA. AND I MOVE
4 THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HAROLD
5 WALTER HARGIS. DR. HAROLD HARGIS DIED ON NOVEMBER 17 AT THE
6 AGE OF 90. HE WAS NOTED FOR HIS REFINEMENTS OF SURGICAL
7 TECHNIQUES IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY. AFTER RECEIVING
8 HIS DOCTORATE IN DENTAL SURGERY FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY, HE
9 TOOK A FELLOWSHIP IN ZURICH WHERE HE FIRST LEARNED TO PERFORM
10 A PROCEDURE CALLED THE MANDIBULAR SAGITTAL OSTEOTOMY.
11 OBVIOUSLY YOU CAN TELL I'M A LAWYER NOT A DOCTOR. OVER HIS
12 CAREER, HE CONTINUED TO REFINE THE TECHNIQUE AND TAUGHT IT TO
13 GENERATIONS OF ORAL SURGEONS AND RESIDENTS. HE ALSO INVENTED
14 SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS THAT ARE STILL UTILIZED NATIONWIDE. WHEN
15 HE RETIRED FROM THE U.S. ARMY IN 1972, HE WAS AWARDED THE
16 LEGION OF MERIT. JOINED U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY FACULTY
17 AND HELD SEVERAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. IN 2006 THE AMERICAN
18 ASSOCIATION OF ORAL SURGEONS HONORED HIM WITH THE DANIEL M.
19 LASKIN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PREDOCTORAL EDUCATOR. THE
20 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ORAL SURGEONS DEDICATED THEIR 2009
21 MEETING TO HIM IN RECOGNITION OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AND
22 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SPECIALTY. U.C.L.A. 'S SCHOOL OF
23 DENTISTRY NAMED HIM HONORARY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR IN 2009 AND
24 THE NEXT YEAR HE RECEIVED THE FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARD IN
25 EDUCATION FROM THE NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION. HE IS SURVIVED

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1 BY HIS DAUGHTERS, DR. CHERIE HARGIS AND DR. COLETTE HARGIS.
2 AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
3 JEANNE CORDOVA. JEANNE CORDOVA WAS AN AMAZING FRIEND AND AN
4 AMAZING LEADER AND A VISIONARY, A PIONEERING LESBIAN FEMINIST,
5 A LATINA WHO DIED LAST SATURDAY AT THE AGE OF 67. THROUGH 45
6 YEARS OF ACTIVISM, SHE MADE AMAZING CONTRIBUTIONS TO L.G.B.T.
7 RIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SHE WAS THE
8 ORGANIZER OF THE FIRST NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE HELD AT
9 U.C.L.A.. THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENTS WHO GOT TO APPROVE
10 THE USE OF ALL OF THOSE FACILITIES FOR THE FIRST NATIONAL
11 LESBIAN CONFERENCE WAS A BRAND NEW YOUNG ASSOCIATE DEAN NAMED
12 SHEILA KUEHL. SHE CREATED AND PUBLISHED A NATIONAL LESBIAN
13 PUBLICATION, THE "LESBIAN TIDE" NEWS MAGAZINE. AND INVENTED
14 THE "GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY YELLOW PAGES," A 400-PAGE GUIDE
15 THAT HELPED MEMBERS OF THE THEN STILL CLOSETED GAY AND LESBIAN
16 COMMUNITIES CONNECT. WITH THE \$2 MILLION BEQUEST TO THE
17 AUSTRALIA LESBIAN FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE, JEANNE CORDOVA
18 ESTABLISHED THE JEANNE R. CORDOVA FUND WHICH WILL OFFER
19 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LESBIANS, FEMINISTS AND NONCONFORMING
20 COMMUNITIES. SHE LED AN AMAZING LIFE OF LEADERSHIP AND
21 ACTIVISM. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SPOUSE. LYNN BALLEEN. AND
22 FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN
23 MEMORY OF RICK CLUCHEY. HE WAS FOND OF SAYING HE'D NEVER BEEN
24 IN A THEATER, NOT EVEN TO ROB ONE, BEFORE HE WAS CONVICTED OF
25 ARMED ROBBERY WHEN HE WAS 21 AND SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON.

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1 BUT HIS LIFE BEGAN TO CHANGE WHEN THE SAN FRANCISCO ACTORS'
2 WORKSHOP PERFORMED "WAITING FOR GODOT" AT SAN QUENTIN IN 1957.
3 CLUCHEY BEGAN ACTING AND THEN PERFORMED IN SEVERAL SAMUEL
4 BECKETT PLAYS WHILE STILL IN PRISON. EVENTUALLY, HE MET THE
5 PLAYWRIGHT BECAME AN INTERPRETER OF HIS WORK. HIS SIGNATURE
6 ROLE WAS THE SOLO CHARACTER IN "KRAPP'S LAST TAPE" WHICH HE
7 PERFORMED IN EUROPE, OFF BROADWAY IN NEW YORK. HE DIED AT THE
8 AGE OF 82, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, NORA MASTERSON, HIS SISTERS,
9 MS. RINCK AND JUNE O'CONNOR AND HIS CHILDREN MAYA AND LOUIS
10 BECKETT CLUCHEY, JAMESON CLUCHEY AND RICK FREELAND. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR
13 KNABE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I
16 WOULD ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME IN THIS ONE. ADJOURNING IN
17 THE MEMORY OF SHELL AUSMAN, BELOVED HUSBAND OF OUR CHIEF OF
18 PROTOCOL, SANDRA AUSMAN, A LONGTIME PERSONAL FRIEND TO MANY OF
19 US, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH. SHELL WAS
20 A LONGTIME SUPPORTER OF THIS COUNTY AND DEVOTED COUNTLESS
21 HOURS ACTIVELY PROMOTING COUNTY PROJECTS AND ENTERPRISES FROM
22 THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN 1984 TO HOSTING THE SUPER BOWL TO MANY
23 OTHER THINGS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY IN THE PROTOCOL OFFICE. HE
24 ALSO USED HIS MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE COUNTY TO
25 CONTRIBUTE TO NUMEROUS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SAT ON

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1 COUNTLESS ADVISORY BOARDS. HE WORKED FOR ARTHUR ANDERSEN FOR
2 OVER 30 YEARS, BEGAN HIS CAREER IN MILWAUKEE AND WORKING HIS
3 WAY UP TO BE THE MANAGING PARTNER HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
4 HE HELD REGIONAL OVERSIGHT OF OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE
5 SOUTHWESTERN UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, AS WELL
6 AS SERVED ON THE FIRM'S BOARD OF PARTNERS DURING HIS TENURE.
7 SHELL WAS BIGGER THAN LIFE AND HE WILL TRULY BE MISSED. HE'S
8 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, OUR GOOD FRIEND SANDY, DAUGHTER CYNTHIA
9 AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. WE'D LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCEREST
10 CONDOLENCES TO SANDY AND THE FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS AND
11 COLLEAGUES. ALL MEMBERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
12 ARLENE ZAMBONI LENARTH WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY ON DECEMBER
13 30TH. SHE WAS BORN BACK IN 1925 IN HYNES, CALIFORNIA, WHICH IS
14 NOW PARAMOUNT. SHE WAS THE OLDEST CHILD OF FRANK AND NORDA
15 ZAMBONI. HER FATHER WAS THE INVENTOR OF THE FAMOUS INVENTOR
16 ICE SERVICING MACHINE. SHE MET HER FUTURE HUSBAND RICHARD AT
17 THE FAMILY ICE RINK CALLED ICELAND, THERE IN PARAMOUNT AND
18 WORKED IN THE OFFICE OF ZAMBONI THERE IN PARAMOUNT. SHE
19 BELONGED TO SEVERAL GARDEN CLUBS, THE PARAMOUNT SOROPTIMIST
20 CLUB AND DONATED A LOT OF TIME TO HER CHURCH. SURVIVED BY HER
21 BROTHER RICHARD, HER SISTER JEAN, HER THREE CHILDREN, SEVEN
22 GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE TRULY
23 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
24 OF JEFFREY JACOB MOON, THE EDISON TROUBLEMAN THAT PASSED AWAY
25 ON JANUARY 6TH AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 26 AFTER THAT VERY TRAGIC

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1 ACCIDENT. HE WAS COURAGEOUSLY WORKING ON A POWER POLE TRYING
2 TO RESTORE POWER AFTER A WEATHER-RELATED POWER OUTAGE. HE WAS
3 BORN ON JANUARY 27, 1989. HE WORKED OUT OF THE SOUTHERN
4 CALIFORNIA EDISON LONG BEACH SERVICE CENTER. HE AND HIS WIFE
5 HAVE A THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD AND SADLY HE WAS EXPECTING THE
6 SECOND CHILD, AS WELL. HE SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SON, AND WILL
7 BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HIS COLLEAGUES AT
8 EDISON. HIS PASSING HAS BEEN A HEARTBREAKING LOSS TO THE
9 ENTIRE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FAMILY. THOSE ARE MY
10 ADJOURNMENTS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH.

14
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. LET ME ALSO MENTION SHELL AUSMAN WHO WAS
16 A VERY CLOSE FRIEND TO ALL OF US ON THE BOARD. HE WAS REALLY A
17 GOOD LEADER, A GOOD LEADER OF THE COUNTY, HELPING ALL OF OUR
18 VARIOUS PROGRAMS. AND GOOD COUNSELOR TO ALL OF US. AS WAS
19 STATED, FOR MANY YEARS HE WORKED FOR ARTHUR ANDERSON COMPANY
20 AND THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF OUR LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER OF
21 COMMERCE. TRUSTEE FOR THE AUTRY NATIONAL CENTER, AND MEMBER OF
22 THE INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. BUT AS WE ALL
23 KNOW, HIS WIFE SANDY AND SHELL HAVE BEEN JUST AN INTEGRAL PART
24 OF THIS COUNTY AND IT'S A GREAT FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PAST 35
25 YEARS. GILBERT ROJAS, RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, PASSED AWAY AT

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1 THE AGE OF 78. HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND
2 VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF AMERICA. HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED
3 IN ALL OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND
4 GOOD FRIEND. RUTH PIPER, 38-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE
5 VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WORKED DURING WORLD
6 WAR II FOR REPUBLIC AVIATION AND THEN FOR THE BANKING INDUSTRY
7 AND SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY
8 HER HUSBAND OF 59 YEARS, ROGER AND THEIR CHILDREN. GYSBERTA
9 "BERRY" MUIR, RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, PASSED
10 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD OPERATED THE
11 PEST CONTROL BUSINESS FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS IN THE VALLEY.
12 PORTIA MARGARET FORSHAW CROWE, LONG- TIME RESIDENT OF AGUA
13 DULCE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WAS IN EDUCATION. SHE
14 OBTAINED HER LICENSE VOCATIONAL NURSE ASSOCIATION FROM THE
15 COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS, WORKED AT VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL
16 AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY REHABILITATION UNIT IN ACTON. SURVIVED
17 BY HER HUSBAND AND HER THREE SONS. HELEN PATRICIA CONROY
18 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA.
19 GRADUATE OF THE L.A. COUNTY SCHOOL OF NURSING. WORKED FOR 20
20 YEARS IN THE OPERATING ROOM AT THE HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL
21 HOSPITAL AND VOLUNTEERED AT OUR DESCANSO GARDENS, THE
22 HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND THE ARBORETUM. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
23 SIX CHILDREN AND SISTER SALLY. ELIZABETH ANN CHERRY, LONGTIME
24 RESIDENT OF SOUTH PASADENA, TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
25 OF 86 ON NOVEMBER 21ST. A DEVOTED PARISHIONER OF HOLY FAMILY

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1 CATHOLIC CHURCH, MONSEIGNEUR CONNELLY'S CHURCH FOR THE PAST
2 MANY, MANY DECADES AND THEIR 50 PLUS CLUB. SHE WORKED AS A
3 PRIVATE SECRETARY AT THE ATLAS CARPET MILLS FOR QUARTER OF A
4 CENTURY. SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND RONALD AND THEIR THREE
5 CHILDREN. BRITT BRASSEAL, RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY,
6 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66. HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH THE COUNTY
7 OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR 35 YEARS. HE WAS
8 THE SUPERINTENDENT WITH THE MOUNTAIN OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT AND
9 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS. THOSE ARE MY
10 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. I
13 HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE
14 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GUADALUPE LOZANO. MR. LOZANO WAS BORN ON
15 MAY 3, 1924 IN MISSION, TEXAS AND PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 3,
16 2016 AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WORKED AS AN AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN
17 AND HIS PASSION WAS RESTORING CLASSIC CARS. HE'LL BE
18 REMEMBERED FOR HIS KIND, CARING AND QUIET MANNER, HIS
19 UNYIELDING LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS PRECEDED IN
20 DEATH BY HIS WIFE MELA LOZANO IN 2001 AND SURVIVED BY HIS
21 CHILDREN, BLANCA, MARY AND MANUEL LOZANO WHO IS THE MAYOR OF
22 BALDWIN PARK IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, HIS SISTER IMELDA, RICK,
23 JUAN AND GUADALUPE JR., NINE GRANDCHILDREN, EIGHT GREAT
24 GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND
25 FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE

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1 HIM EARLIER IN THE YEAR DURING MAYOR LOZANO'S CONFIRMATION,
2 AND IT WAS QUITE MOVING TO SEE. THEY HAD TO PHYSICALLY CARRY
3 HIM TO BE SEATED IN FRONT OF THE CEREMONY. BUT IT WAS NICE
4 THAT HE WAS THERE. SOMETHING THAT'S AN ACCOMPLISHMENT, I'M
5 SURE, FOR HIS FAMILY AND FOR EVERYONE. WITH THAT, WE HAVE
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE SOMETHING TO INTRODUCE. A TRAGEDY
9 OCCURRED ON JANUARY 4TH WHEN A 19-YEAR-OLD STUDENT FROM LEONA
10 VALLEY WAS KILLED WHEN HER CAR HIT AN OAK TREE PLUNGING 20
11 FEET DOWN A RAVINE, BOUQUET CANYON IN SAUGUS. ABOUT 10 FEET
12 FROM THE OAK TREE WITH WHICH THE YOUNG WOMAN COLLIDED IS A
13 MEMORIAL MARKING A SPOT WHERE A 16-YEAR-OLD PALMDALE STUDENT
14 DIED AFTER THE CAR HE WAS IN ALSO HIT THE TREE ON AUGUST 22ND,
15 2015. THIS STRETCH OF BOUQUET IS OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES
16 FOREST SERVICE. THE ROAD IS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY VIA
17 PERMIT. THE COUNTY AND FOREST SERVICE MUST WORK TOGETHER WITH
18 THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THIS
19 ROAD TO AVOID FUTURE FATALITIES. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD
20 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO WORK WITH THE UNITED
21 STATES FOREST SERVICE AND THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AND
22 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN 30 DAYS WITH A PLAN ON IMPROVING
23 THE SAFETY OF THE BOUQUET CANYON ROAD. I MAKE THAT MOTION
24 TODAY FOR THE REPORT BACK.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND
2 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION AND IT WILL REPORTED BACK AT OUR
3 NEXT MEETING.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WE WILL MOVE INTO PUBLIC
8 COMMENT. OUR FIRST WITNESS IS FROM LANCASTER, FRAN SERESERES?

9

10 **FRAN SERESERES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIRMAN AND
11 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRAN SERESERES, AND I CONSIDER MYSELF
12 AS AN ADVOCATE FOR SENIORS AND FOR PEOPLE THAT CAN'T OR WON'T
13 SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THIS IS TO SUPERVISOR MICHAEL
14 ANTONOVICH. I WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST
15 THANKS ON THE BELATED, BELATED, BELATED BIRTHDAY. I DID HAVE A
16 TICKET BUT I WAS UNABLE TO GO. I HAD TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS.
17 I ALSO WANT TO SAY THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR SENIORS,
18 HOMELESS AND PEOPLE OF LANCASTER. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO
19 ME ABOUT NOT CLOSING METROLINK AND THE HOMELESSNESS IN
20 DECEMBER OF 2015 AND FOR GIVING US ACCESS SERVICES. WITHOUT
21 THIS ACCESS, TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN
22 ABLE TO GO FOR MONTHS TO SEE MY MOM, WHO IS VERY ILL IN
23 ARCADIA. SHE WAS 90 YEARS OLD AND THREE MONTHS, BUT HAS GONE
24 TO THE LORD ON DECEMBER 11TH, 2015. ON A LIGHTER NOTE, I WANT
25 TO MAKE THIS MESSAGE. IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE EARLY, BUT I WANT

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1 TO TELL YOU, YOU WILL BE MISSED, MR. ANTONOVICH, UPON YOUR
2 RETIREMENT. GOD'S BLESSING. AND ENJOY YOURSELF. I HAVE KNOWN
3 YOU SINCE HIGHLAND PARK IN 1970S. ENJOY YOURSELF AND HAVE FUN,
4 FUN, FUN.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

7

8 **FRAN SERESERES:** THANK YOU, SIR. I'M HOPING THAT THE PROJECTS
9 THAT ARE IN THE WORKS NOW ABOUT OUR NEW BUILDING IN LANCASTER
10 AND THE SENIOR BUILDING WILL BE BUILT SOON AND NOT YEARS LATER
11 AND WILL GO INTO THE WORKS EVEN WHEN YOU RETIRE. AND ON THE
12 HOMELESS, I WAS READING THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE-- OKAY HERE IN
13 LANCASTER, YOU HELPED TRY TO GET THE BUILDING ON 60 SOUTHWEST,
14 60 AND I, BUT WE ARE HAVING TO HAVE ANOTHER CENSUS, EVEN
15 THOUGH WE HAD ONE LAST YEAR THROUGH NAOMI GOLDMAN WHO IS THE
16 PERSON OF L.A. HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY, I KNOW WE WERE
17 TALKING ABOUT MONEY, ABOUT MONEY EARLIER, ABOUT THE BILLIONS
18 OF DOLLARS THAT ARE NEEDED THAT ARE SUPPOSED TO BE AVAILABLE.
19 BUT THE PROBLEM IS WHEN WILL IT BE AVAILABLE?

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23 **FRAN SERESERES:** I WANT TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR TRYING TO DO
24 THIS. I WANT TO EXPRESS-- THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND THANK YOU
25 FOR LISTENING TO ME.

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HAPPY NEW YEAR.

3

4 **FRAN SERESERES:** HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE. GOD
5 BLESS AMERICA.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE SEVERAL WITNESSES,
8 PEOPLE TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT. JOSE MARTINEZ, WILLIAM
9 STRAIN. ROSALEE HALAS AND ARNOLD SACHS. SIR, INTRODUCE
10 YOURSELF.

11

12 **WILLIAM STRAIN:** -- FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY.
13 MY NAME IS WILLIAM STRAIN. I'M A REGISTERED VOTER AND A
14 RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT. AND I'VE BEEN A COUNTY
15 EMPLOYEE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SINCE FEBRUARY
16 OF 2001. I AM LIVING WITH CANCER AND A.I.D.S., AND DUE TO
17 SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES, I HAD TO GO ON APPROVED MEDICAL
18 DISABILITY IN FEBRUARY OF 2015 USING THE COUNTY'S DISABILITY
19 BENEFIT. HOWEVER, I HAVE NOT BEEN PAID SINCE AUGUST OF 2015. I
20 CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE IT AS I SAY THAT. I ESTIMATE THAT I AM OWED
21 WELL OVER \$10,000 IN BACK PAY. I'VE TRIED MY BEST FOR 11
22 MONTHS NOW TO WORK WITH SEDGEWICK C.M.S., L.A. COUNTY H.R. AND
23 PAYROLL PERSONNEL AS WELL AS STAFF OF SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S
24 OFFICE BUT TO NO AVAIL. I'VE HAD TO TAKE OUT PAYDAY LOANS,
25 PERSONAL LOANS FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR MONTHS NOW SIMPLY

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1 TO EAT AND FEED MY CHILDREN. THESE RESOURCES HAVE NOW RUN OUT
2 FOR ME. MY CAR WAS REPOSSESSED FOUR DAYS AFTER CHRISTMAS. AND
3 AS IT IS EVERY MONTH, THE GAS BILL IS DUE AGAIN. I STAND ON
4 THE VERGE OF BEING EVICTED AGAIN. I FOLLOWED ALL THE RULES.
5 I'VE SUBMITTED ALL THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK, ALL THE REQUESTED
6 INFORMATION. DESPITE BEING ON APPROVED MEDICAL DISABILITY AND
7 ILL TO THE POINT WHERE I HAVE HAD TO ENGAGE IN ESTATE
8 PLANNING, I HAVEN'T BEEN PAID. AT THE MOMENT I NEEDED TO SPEND
9 IT THE MOST, THE SYSTEM FAILED ME. NO COUNTY EMPLOYEE SHOULD
10 HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS. AND I CAN'T ESCAPE THE SAD IRONY OF
11 BEING A PERSON LIVING WITH H.I.V., WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT
12 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND NOT BEING PAID DUE TO MY ILLNESS. ALL
13 ASIDE THE PROMISE OF MEDICAL DISABILITY COVERAGE MADE TO ME BY
14 THE COUNTY UNDER THE TERMS OF MY EMPLOYMENT. PLEASE HELP ME.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. NEXT
17 WITNESS.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WOULD YOU EXCUSE ME? SIR? WOULD YOU SPEAK
20 TO MY CHIEF DEPUTY FOR A MINUTE? MAYBE WE CAN MOVE IT ALONG
21 HERE.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
24 LAST WEEK WAS PRETTY FASCINATING. A LITTLE BIT OF A
25 CONVERSATION ABOUT THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH

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1 CUBA. AND UNFORTUNATELY I DIDN'T REALLY GET A CHANCE TO ENGAGE
2 IN DIALOGUE WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. YOUR LAST REMARK
3 TO ME WAS ORGANIZED CRIMINALS, THEY GET ELECTED, AND NO THAT'S
4 NOT TRUE. THEY DON'T GET ELECTED. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE
5 ELECTED. WHAT THEY DO IS THEY HAVE ELECTED OFFICIALS LIKE THE
6 SUPERVISORS' LEGITIMIZED STUPIDITY. AND WHEN YOU LEGITIMIZE
7 STUPIDITY, THEN YOU GET GOVERNMENT MONEY. SO YOU SAY, WHAT'S
8 HE TALKING ABOUT? WELL, LET'S TALK ABOUT LIKE THE GREEN LINE
9 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY THAT WAS NEVER NECESSARY. YOU GO TO THE
10 AIRPORT. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
11 THAT WAS CREATED WHEN THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
12 EXISTED. I MEAN, LET'S TALK ABOUT THE BILLION DOLLARS FOR
13 MEASURE R THAT WAS NEVER GOING TO OCCUR. WHEN YOU LEGITIMIZE
14 THAT, WHEN YOU DON'T ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, WHEN YOU TALK
15 ABOUT LIKE HOMELESSNESS FOR MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESSNESS FOR
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, FOR REGULAR PEOPLE, YOU KNOW THERE WAS A
17 STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER A COUPLE DAYS AGO ABOUT SOME PEOPLE WHO
18 WERE GETTING EVICTED IN LOS ANGELES BECAUSE THEY CALLED AND
19 COMPLAINED ABOUT THEIR APARTMENT HOUSE BEING TURNED INTO UNITS
20 FOR AIR KNOB. AND WHEN THE PEOPLE FROM THE CITY CAME TO
21 INVESTIGATE, THEY FOUND OUT THE APARTMENTS WERE ILLEGAL
22 BECAUSE THE OWNER HAD CREATED THE ILLEGAL APARTMENTS. THOSE
23 PEOPLE AREN'T MENTALLY ILL. BUT THEY HAVE NO AFFORDABLE
24 HOUSING. SO WHY DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT ONE WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT
25 THE OTHER? WHEN YOU LEGITIMIZE STUPIDITY, WHICH IS WHAT YOU

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1 DO, AND THE MEDIA JUMPS ON THAT BANDWAGON, ORGANIZED CRIME
2 WINS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE. MA'AM?

5

6 **ROSALEE HALAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROSALEE HALAS AND
7 I'VE NEVER DONE IN BEFORE, SO BEAR WITH ME. I WILL KEEP IT
8 UNDER TWO MINUTES. I'M AN L.A. COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.
9 I WORK FOR OBVIOUSLY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND
10 CONTROL. AND MY ISSUE IS SIMILAR TO THE GENTLEMAN WENT FIRST,
11 EXCEPT I HAVE GOT DOCUMENTATION GOING BACK TO 2012 OF ME
12 REQUESTING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE C.E.O.P, THE C.E.I.U., MY
13 DEPARTMENT ITSELF. THE DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS. I'VE GOT
14 EMAIL DOCUMENTATION BACK FROM THEM OF THEM SAYING, "OH GOOD
15 LUCK WITH YOUR PROBLEMS," AND BLOWING ME OFF. I HAVE FILED
16 WITH THE C.E.O.P., ONLY GOT A FEW MINUTES. I FILED WITH THE
17 C.E.O.P. IN 2014. IT WAS LIKE OCTOBER OF 2014. AND THEN I
18 DIDN'T GET A RESPONSE BACK UNTIL-- OCTOBER 13TH I SENT OUT AN
19 EMAIL TO EVERYBODY IN MY DEPARTMENT INCLUDING ALL OF MY
20 SUPERVISORS SAYING, "HEY, THIS IS WHAT'S GOING ON, I'M AN
21 EIGHT YEAR EMPLOYEE, I'VE BEEN CROSS-TRAINED." I CURRENTLY
22 LIVE IN PALMDALE I KNOW I COULD HAVE GONE TO LANCASTER BUT I
23 WANTED TO LOOK AT YOU GUYS, NOT ON THE VIDEO SCREEN. I LIVE IN
24 PALMDALE. I WORK AT AGOURA HILLS. YOU CAN IMAGINE THE COMMUTE
25 ON THAT. I DO MY OWN MECHANICS BECAUSE AT THIS POINT I CAN'T

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1 AFFORD A MECHANIC. I'VE REQUESTED TRANSFER FOR OVER THREE
2 YEARS DUE TO MEDICAL, FAMILIAL AND FINANCIAL NEED AND I'VE
3 BEEN TOLD IT'S BASED ON THE DEPARTMENTS NEED. I WORK AT AGOURA
4 HILLS STATION AND I'M ASKING FOR TRANSFER TO THE LANCASTER
5 STATION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I'M CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE AWARE
6 OF THE NEED OF LANCASTER FOR VIABLE EMPLOYEES, I'VE BEEN WITH
7 THE DEPARTMENT ARE FOR EIGHT YEARS, I'VE NOT GOTTEN BURNED OUT
8 ON THE PROBLEMS, THE ISSUES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. I HAVE
9 CONTINUED TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS AND TRY TO FOLLOW THE
10 RULES AS THE GENTLEMAN PRIOR TO ME STATED AND I'VE DOCUMENTED
11 IT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU WANT
14 TO?

15

16 **ROSALEE HALAS:** MAY I SAY ONE QUICK--?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF YOU WAIT, I'LL HAVE A DEPUTY COME DOWN AND
19 TALK WITH YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WILL BE BEST. THANK YOU. THANK
22 YOU FOR COMING. JOSE MARTINEZ? ERIC PREVEN. CASSANDRA PARKS.
23 RUTH SARNOFF. YES, GO AHEAD.

24

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD
2 DISTRICT HERE IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT. THOSE ARE SOME
3 INTERESTING AND UPSETTING WORKPLACE ISSUES. AND OBVIOUSLY I'M
4 PLEASED THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE SENT SOME DEPUTIES OVER TO
5 LOOK INTO THAT. IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THE E.O.P. OR THE
6 COUNTY'S EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL IS WHERE OUR COUNTY COUNSEL
7 CAME FROM. AND, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY THAT'S A GROUP THAT'S DONE
8 SOME WORK OVER THE YEARS. IT AN IN-HOUSE GROUP FOR THE RECORD
9 THAT DOES-- WHAT THEY DO IS IT'S A PANEL OF FOLKS WHO MAKE
10 RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEPARTMENTS WHERE THERE ARE ISSUES LIKE
11 THIS. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY DON'T ENFORCE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS,
12 WHICH IS AN AWKWARD AND DISTURBING TWIST. AND THAT IS VERY
13 SIMILAR TO SOME OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONS THAT WE'VE SEEN
14 WITH THE BIG SORT OF BLUE PLATE SPECIAL FOR TODAY ON CIVILIAN
15 OVERSIGHT. SO I HOPE THAT THIS DOES NOT SIGNAL THAT THAT KIND
16 OF "LET'S KEEP EVERYTHING INSIDE, WHAT HAPPENS AT THE COUNTY
17 ONLY STAYS AT THE COUNTY" THAT ETHOS. SIR, THAT'S RUDE TO TALK
18 DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT AS WE HAVE AGREED, SUPERVISOR, THAT
19 NOBODY SHOULD BE DISRUPTIVE. SO I APPRECIATE THAT, THANK YOU.
20 THE ISSUE ON THE CIVILIAN-- OH, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO YOU. I
21 KNOW, THAT'S FINE. DISRESPECT IS THE BREW THAT'S BEING SERVED
22 REGULARLY. BUT REGARDING CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, I WANT TO GIVE AN
23 EXAMPLE OF WHY I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE
24 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT LAWYERS OR TIED TO ANY OF THE SORT OF
25 JUSTICE MACHINERY AND STRUCTURE THAT'S IN PLACE. JUST REGULAR

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1 FOLKS WHO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON, SOMEONE LIKE ME OR
2 OTHERS. AND THAT'S BECAUSE WHEN WE HIRE PEOPLE TO DO THE WORK
3 OF THE PEOPLE TO LOOK AFTER THE LAW ENFORCEMENT WHOM WE
4 REVERE, IF THOSE PEOPLE ARE SO CONNECTED, SO CLOSELY AND ARE
5 ASKED, FOR EXAMPLE, TO REWRITE THE USE-OF- FORCE MANUAL LIKE
6 RICHARD DROOYAN WAS, AND HE WENT OFF AND DID SO, AND THEN IT
7 COMES BACK AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO-- THE STANDARD WAS SET BY
8 MOLINA THAT IT HAS TO BE CLEAR SO THAT A NEW DEPUTY COULD
9 UNDERSTAND IT. WELL I WOULD ASK YOU TO USE AT YOUR CURRENT USE
10 OF FORCE MANUAL AND YOU TELL ME THE PROPER USAGE OF A TASER.
11 THERE ARE TWO SECTIONS. VERY HARD, AND IF MY OWN CHILD, EITHER
12 SON OR DAUGHTER WERE--

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS? CASSANDRA PARKS?

15

16 **CASSANDRA PARKS:** HI, MY NAME IS CASSANDRA PARKS, MY DAUGHTER
17 WAS ELENA KRAMER WHO YOU JUST CHOSE TO POSTPONE VOTING ON
18 UNTIL THE NEXT MONTH AND I THINK THAT'S WRONG. YOU COULD HAVE
19 DONE THAT TODAY FOR ME AND MY FAMILY. I'D LIKE TO THANK
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR EVEN BRINGING THIS MOTION TO YOU SO
21 QUICKLY. AGAIN, I'M DISAPPOINTED. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK
22 THAT YOU RENAME IT THE ELENA KRAMER BOUQUET CANYON SAFETY
23 CORRIDOR. ELENA WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A SINGLE CAR ACCIDENT
24 AFTER HER CAR HIT AN OAK TREE AND PLUNGED 20 FEET DOWN INTO A
25 RAVINE. THERE'S NO CELL SERVICE AND THE SPEED LIMIT IS 55 ALL

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1 THE WAY THROUGH THE WINDIEST CURVES. WE WERE IMMEDIATELY TOLD
2 BY C.H.P. IF THERE HAD BEEN A GUARDRAIL, IT WOULD HAVE SAVED
3 MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE. MAKING THIS EVEN MORE TRAGIC IS THAT JUST
4 IN AUGUST, A 16-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS KILLED JUST 6 FEET AWAY FROM
5 MY DAUGHTER. AND ALTHOUGH I DO NOT HAVE THE EXACT DATA ON THE
6 ROAD, I WAS TOLD THERE WAS ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE 10TH.
7 SO BY YOU POSTPONING IT, YOU DID NOT SAVE ANY LIVES. YOU MOST
8 LIKELY MORE WILL BE LOST.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM, WE DID VOTE ON THIS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE APPROVED IT.

13

14 **CASSANDRA PARKS:** SORRY, I DIDN'T HEAR THAT.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE.

17

18 **CASSANDRA PARKS:** I DO APOLOGIZE, I'M SORRY. SO, AGAIN, THOSE
19 ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. SIMPLE STEPS LIKE LOWERING
20 THE SPEED LIMIT, PLACING GUARDRAILS WOULD IMMEDIATELY SAVE THE
21 LIVES OF PEOPLE TRAVELING THESE ROADS. I BELIEVE IN DOING
22 THINGS THE OLD FASHIONED WAY. I WILL PUT IN THE WORK ALONG
23 WITH YOU. I WILL MAKE THE PHONE CALLS AND SO WILL ELENA'S
24 FRIENDS, AS I HOPE YOU HAVE RECEIVED TODAY. SHE WAS A MENTOR
25 TO THOUSANDS OF YOUNG GIRLS AROUND THE NATION. SHE WAS ONE OF

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1 THE MOST TALENTED AND COMMITTED SOFTBALL PLAYERS, HITTING 12
2 HOME RUNS IN THE LAST 8 GAMES. SHE HAD A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD
3 OF HER, AND JUST RECENTLY RECEIVED AN OFFER TO PLAY MERCY
4 SOFTBALL ON A FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP. THOUSANDS OF GIRLS WILL
5 PLAY FOR ELENA THIS COMING SEASON AND WEAR NO. 3 IN HONOR OF
6 HER. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT I LEAVE THIS WITH YOU TO
7 CELEBRATE HER LIFE AND IF WE COULD FORM A COMMITTEE TOGETHER,
8 I WILL CERTAINLY HELP IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM. OUR
11 CONDOLENCES. RUTH SARNOFF.

12

13 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. IT IS REALLY, REALLY HARD TO FOCUS
14 SOMETIMES WHEN WE HEAR SO MANY HEART WRENCHING STORIES ABOUT
15 THINGS THAT REALLY DON'T HAVE TO BE HAPPENING THAT WAY.
16 THEY'RE REALLY THINGS THAT ARE PREVENTABLE. AND I JUST REALLY
17 WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE HEARING THAT FROM-- I'M LISTENING TO THE
18 PERSONAL STORIES. I WANT TO SHIFT TO PARIS AND THE PARIS
19 SUMMIT AND CLIMATE CHANGE BECAUSE CALIFORNIA HAD A VERY BIG
20 DELEGATION THERE IN PARIS. AND KEVIN DE LEON GAVE A VERY
21 WONDERFUL INTERVIEW WITH ANNIE GOODMAN, THAT I WATCHED. AND HE
22 HAS A NEW SON, ABOUT SIX MONTHS OLD. AND HE SAID "WE'RE GOING
23 TO LEAD THE NATION. WE ARE GOING TO GO FASTER THAN WASHINGTON
24 ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DEALING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE.
25 AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT YOU MAKE

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1 POLICY DECISIONS ON EVERY SINGLE DAY THAT RELATE TO WHETHER
2 WE'RE LOOKING AT SMALLER SYSTEMS, BIGGER SYSTEMS, MORE
3 INCLUSIVE SYSTEMS, MORE PRIVILEGED SYSTEMS, WHAT IT MEANS,
4 WHAT A MERGER MEANS WHEN THINGS KEEP GETTING BIGGER AND MORE
5 POWERFUL. WE NEED TO HAVE SOME CRITERIA AND SOME PHILOSOPHICAL
6 THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU TAKE A CITY WHO'S REALLY IN A LOT OF
7 CHAOS AND TURN IT AROUND. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RUTH. NEXT WE HAVE
10 PRENTICE JENKINS, TUT HAYES, JOSEPH MAIZLISH AND ANTONIO
11 CANDELARIO, JR.

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13 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** PRENTICE JENKINS, PUBLISHER, "CITY LIFE"
14 NEWSLETTER, ACTIVIST SINCE 1991. I'M CURRENTLY WRITING A PAPER
15 TO PRESENT TO THE AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ON THE 10
16 PERCENT OF COPS AND FIREMEN WHO ARE PERVERTS, MURDERERS,
17 PSYCHOS. 90 PERCENT OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT. I'M
18 SORRY. 90 PERCENT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT'S 10 PERCENT
19 THAT ARE CRAZY. THEY'RE PERVERTS. THEY ENJOY CHILDREN.

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21 **RECORDED VOICE:** WHEN AN L.A.P.D. OFFICER UNDER ARREST ACCUSED
22 OF A DESPICABLE CRIME MOLESTING TWO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF
23 10, THAT OFFICER IN QUESTION IS A SIX-YEAR VETERAN OF THE
24 FORCE AND A FATHER HIMSELF.

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1 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** WOW. A FATHER HIMSELF. SORRY, THAT THAT'S MY
2 TESTIMONY HERE. OKAY. HOW ABOUT THIS?

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4 **RECORDED VOICE:** POLICE OFFICER HAS BEEN ARRESTED. LOS ANGELES
5 POLICE OFFICER HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN HUNTINGTON BEACH. HE'S
6 ACCUSED OF EXPOSING HIMSELF TO SEVERAL WOMEN. LIVE IN
7 HUNTINGTON BEACH.

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9 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** ISN'T THAT SOMETHING? COPS DOING THAT. YOU
10 DIDN'T BELIEVE COP DID THAT, DID YOU? WE FOUND OUT THAT COPS
11 ACTUALLY DO DO THAT. NOW LOOK AT THIS PSYCHO. HOW WOULD YOU
12 LIKE THIS MAN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

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14 **RECORDED VOICE:** -- ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE HAD JUST DROPPED OFF
15 HER CHILD. JUST AFTER 12:30. OFFICERS [INAUDIBLE] L.A. COUNTY
16 FIREFIGHTER AROUND 8:15 THIS MORNING THEY SAY HE SEXUALLY
17 ASSAULTED A WOMAN WALKING NEAR [INAUDIBLE] ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
18 SHE HAD JUST DROPPED OFF HER CHILD. JUST AFTER 12:20, OFFICERS
19 RESPOND--

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21 **PRENTICE JENKINS:** THAT'S AN L.A. COUNTY FIREMAN, TRYING TO
22 KIDNAP THE WOMAN, PUT HER IN HIS TRUNK.

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24 **RECORDED VOICE:** -- NEAR THE SCHOOL. WHEN OFFICERS APPROACHED,
25 AND THEY NOTICED HE HAD A TASER AND HANDCUFFS.

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2 **PRENTICE JACKSON:** HE HAD A TASER AND HANDCUFFS

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4 **RECORDED VOICE:** AND THAT HE [INAUDIBLE] AFTER DRIVING UNDER
5 THE INFLUENCE.

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7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP. NEXT WITNESS.

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9 **SPEAKER:** AS I MENTIONED, SERGEANT MARTINEZ OF THE SHERIFF'S
10 DEPARTMENT CLAIMED THAT HE ASKED THE INMATES DO THEY WISH TO
11 VOTE AND HE GIVES THEM A BALLOT. HE ALSO CLAIMS HE PICKS THESE
12 BALLOTS UP AND PUTS THEM IN A BOX. NOW THE SECTION POINTS OUT
13 THE BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED TO INMATES AND THE BALLOTS MUST BE
14 MAILED BACK TO THE REGISTRAR BY THE INMATES. THAT SECTION SAYS
15 THIS. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION ARE MANDATORY AND EVEN
16 GOES ON TO SAY NOT DISCRETIONARY. AND A BALLOT SHALL NOT BE
17 COUNTED IF IT IS NOT DELIVERED IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS
18 SECTION. SO THAT MEANS THAT ALL THOSE BALLOTS THAT ARE HANDED
19 OUT, NOT MAILED IN TO THE INMATES, ALL THOSE BALLOTS THAT ARE
20 COLLECTED BY SERGEANT MARTINEZ AND TAKEN TO THE REGISTRAR'S
21 OFFICE ARE NOT COUNTED. SO NOW WE SEE HOW THE SHERIFF IS
22 ELECTED. BY NOT COUNTING THE BALLOTS OF A CONFINED POPULATION
23 OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT VOTE AGAINST HIM BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE
24 THE FOOD OR DON'T LIKE THE TREATMENT. SO THAT VIOLATES STATE
25 LAW AND CERTAINLY VIOLATES FEDERAL LAW. SO THIS IS THE BIG

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1 ISSUE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HOW ELECTIONS AND HOW
2 VOTING TAKES PLACE WITHIN THE COUNTY JAILS. SO AS I POINTED
3 OUT, I HAVE GONE TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. I HAVE BEEN TO THE
4 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON FIVE
5 OCCASIONS, GET NO RESPONSE. INSPECTOR GENERAL SAYS THE SHERIFF
6 WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU. WELL, IT'S BEEN FOUR MONTHS, NO
7 COMMUNICATION. SO THE THING I'M POINTING OUT IS THAT I WOULD
8 SUGGEST THAT IF AN INMATE HAS NOTHING BETTER TO DO THAN SIMPLY
9 BALLOT AND GET RID OF THE SHERIFF THEY DON'T LIKE, I'M CERTAIN
10 THAT INMATE MIGHT TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS?

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14 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. I
15 STUCK AROUND TO TELL YOU A COUPLE OF STORIES THAT I THINK WILL
16 HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT I THINK WASN'T EMPHASIZED ENOUGH IN
17 THE DISCUSSION ON ITEM 8, THE OVERSIGHT. JUST A PERSONAL NOTE.
18 THIS IS 50 YEARS SINCE I PARADED AROUND OTHERS AROUND PARKER
19 CENTER. AND MY SIGN SAID, CIVILIAN POLICE REVIEW BOARD. OVER
20 THE 50 YEARS, I AM LESS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACTUAL STRUCTURE.
21 AND I KNOW A LOT OF THE TIME AND DISCUSSION WAS PUT INTO HOW
22 THINGS WOULD BE STRUCTURED HERE. THAT HAS SOME MEANING, IT'S
23 IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO TALK ABOUT, BUT THE BIGGER EMPHASIS IS
24 SOMETHING THAT BRINGS ME TO ANOTHER STORY. THE LAST MEETING OF
25 CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE, I SAID THAT THE BEST

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1 THING YOU FOLKS CAN DO TO PROTECT US AND HELP EVERYBODY AND
2 HELP THE COUNTY AND ACTUALLY HELP THE SHERIFFS, TOO, WOULD BE
3 TO STAY IN SESSION AND JUST BE PERMANENT. SO MY MAIN CONCERN,
4 ASIDE FROM ALL THE STRUCTURAL ISSUES THAT YOU'RE WORKING YOUR
5 WAY THROUGH, IS THAT THERE BE OPENNESS, THAT THERE BE A PLACE
6 FOR PEOPLE TO GO. THERE WILL BE A PLACE FOR THE SHERIFF, TOO,
7 TO DISCUSS THINGS WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMPLAINTS, AND IT WILL
8 BE OPEN. PUBLIC AND OPEN, EXISTING, ALL THE TIME. SO THAT
9 THERE BE THAT NOT ONLY SAFETY VALVE BUT A PLACE AT WHICH NEW
10 IDEAS CAN COME UP AND THINGS CAN BE MONITORED, INFORMATION CAN
11 BE SHARED. LET'S DO AWAY WITH THE MISCONCEPTIONS. LET'S
12 REPLACE THEM WITH GOOD INFORMATION. AND LET'S HAVE THIS,
13 WHATEVER THE STRUCTURE IS, LET'S HAVE THIS COMMISSION BE OPEN,
14 REGULAR AND CONTINUING SO THAT THERE WILL BE A PLACE FOR
15 PEOPLE TO GO AND TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS AS THEY COME UP.
16 THAT'S MY MAIN THING THERE FOR THAT. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ALSO WANT TO CALL UP
19 WAYNE SPINDLER. MR. CANDELARIO?

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21 **ANTONIO CANDELARIO:** MY NAME IS ANTONIO CANDELARIO. I'M FILING
22 TWO COMPLAINTS. ONE AGAINST THE COUNTY TWIN TOWERS AND THE
23 OTHER AGAINST THE D.A. I'M PINNING THIS FILING CITIZEN'S
24 COMPLAINT P.C. 832.5 ON SERGEANT DARKS ON AUGUST 11, '15 AT 9
25 A.M. I ASKED DARKS WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ALL MY COMPLAINTS THAT

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1 I HAVE BEEN FILING? HE STATED, " I DON'T KNOW" AND WALKED AWAY.
2 HE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN HE IS THE SERGEANT. HARASSMENT,
3 RETALIATION, COLOR OF AUTHORITY, A VIOLATION OF MY
4 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AS A STATE LAW UNDER THE EIGHTH
5 AMENDMENT, CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT, P.C. 673. THIS IS A
6 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. P.C. 673, CRUEL AND UNUSUAL
7 PUNISHMENT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, COURT-- VERSUS SUPERIOR
8 COURT. HEALTH AND SAFETY CODES. I'M A PATIENT OF THE MENTAL
9 HEALTH ACT. THIS IS A CORRUPT GOVERNMENT BROTHERHOOD CODE OF
10 SILENCE. THAT'S ONE. APPEALING IS FILING THE CITIZEN'S
11 COMPLAINT CHARGES AGAINST D.A. PROSECUTOR ATTORNEY ELIZABETH
12 HARDCAR ON DECEMBER 29TH, ' 15 SHE GAVE ME THREE YEARS FORMAL
13 PROBATION, 52 WEEK DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING AND COMMUNITY
14 SERVICE AND BALANCE DUE \$470. I SPENT 183 DAYS ACTUAL CUSTODY
15 WHICH COVERS ALL THAT OF THE ABOVE. HARASSMENT, RETALIATION,
16 COLOR OF AUTHORITY, A VIOLATION OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT AS
17 A STATE LAW UNDER THE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. COUNTY OF
18 LOS ANGELES VERSUS SUPERIOR COURT. THIS IS A CORRUPT
19 GOVERNMENT BROTHERHOOD CODE OF SILENCE. I READ THE BIBLE 49
20 TIMES BEGINNING TO END. I WILL JUDGE YOU ON JUDGMENT DAY.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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24 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO, TOOK A TRIP UP TO LAKE HUGHES, 43164. NOW,
25 THE WATER NOW COMES OFF THE LAKE HUGHES ROAD. IT WIPED OUT THE

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1 ENTIRE ENTRANCE TO THE RANCH, AND ON THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY,
2 PICKED OUT BY YOUR FAILURE TO REMEDIATE THESE FLOODS. YOU GOT
3 THE MONEY FROM SACRAMENTO. AND THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE SPENDING IT
4 ON: NOTHING. YOU'RE NOT FIXING THE PROBLEM. YOU'RE NOT
5 REMEDIATING THE FLOOD DAMAGE IN THE LAKES, IN THE HILLS. LEONA
6 VALLEY. LAKE HUGHES. LAKE ELIZABETH. YOU'RE NEGLECTING IT.
7 BECAUSE ONE REASON IS THAT IN SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5, YOU'RE
8 TOO BUSY WITH THE GAS LEAK. YOU GOT TO GET BACK UP TO THE
9 MOUNTAIN BECAUSE WE'RE LOSING THE WAR UP THERE. I CAN'T GET
10 INTO MY PROPERTY. MY GATE COMPLETELY COLLAPSED. SO NOW
11 SOMEBODY'S GOING TO PAY FOR THIS. SO RIGHT NOW, I CAN'T USE MY
12 WATER WELLS. MY WATER WELLS HAVE BEEN RUINED, AS WELL. YOU'RE
13 JUST LETTING ALL THAT WATER JUST GO RIGHT THROUGH THE PROPERTY
14 AND DESTROYING IT AS A HABITABLE PREMISES. DO SOMETHING ABOUT
15 IT BECAUSE WHEN I'M DONE COLLECTING MY CIVIL JUDGMENT AGAINST
16 THE CITY FROM MY ILLEGAL ARREST, DETENTION AND TORTURE, I'M
17 GOING TO COME BACK TO YOU FOR THESE DAMAGES. SPEND THE MONEY
18 THAT JERRY BROWN JUST GAVE YOU AND FIX LAKE HUGHES ROAD. AND
19 STOP THE FLOODING OF THE ADJACENT RANCHES AND PROPERTIES
20 BECAUSE THEY'RE BEING KILLED UP THERE, ABSOLUTELY DESTROYED,
21 EVERY TIME IT RAINS. SAME THING. SHEILA KUEHL'S DISTRICT, THEY
22 FIXED FLOODING AREAS IN THE MOUNTAINS. WHY? BECAUSE IT'S A
23 WEALTHY JEWISH AREA. THE SAME THING COULD BE DONE IN LAKE
24 HUGHES. BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT RICH AND JEWISH, YOU'RE NOT
25 SPENDING THE MONEY TO FIX LAKE HUGHES ROAD. RACIST PIGS.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME WE'LL HAVE THE EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICE READ US INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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5 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
6 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
8 NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
9 LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
10 EVALUATIONS; AND ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
11 NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON
12 THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR
13 MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016 AT 1 P.M.
14 THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JANUARY 12, 2016**

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5 In Closed Session item CS-1 was continued one week to January
6 19, 2016.

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8 No reportable action was taken on items CS-2 or CS-3.

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